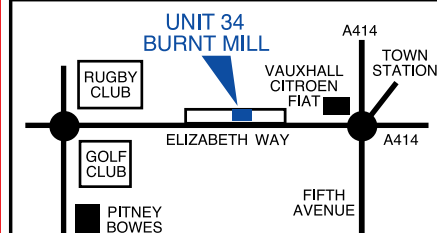




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MURDER PROBE AFTER MAN DIES

TRIBUTES were paid this week to a Harlow man who died following an altercation in the early hours of Good Friday.

A murder investigation has been launched into the death of Mark White (34), of Broadfield, after it was confirmed he died of head injuries following a confrontation over a taxi booking involving six men near to Quattroz Nightclub, in The Rows, at 2.30am.

Mr White died at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

A joint family statement yesterday (Wednesday) described Mr White as "a lovely man who was always smiling and got on with everybody. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him."

He and his partner Tanya had been together for the past four years, although they had known each other since school, and planned to marry this year. He had an eight-month-old daughter with her and three stepchildren.

By **JIM TANFIELD**
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A family friend, who asked for her name to be withheld, told the *Star*: "We all have lost a very special person who touched each and every one of our lives in a very special way. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Mark would know what a lovely, caring, kind and gentle man he was."

"I'm finding it hard to come to terms with. We grew up together and shared many memories and I shall hold on to them forever."

The final post mortem results have been withheld pending further inquiries into the events surrounding Mr White's death.

Three men from Harlow were arrested at the scene in connection with the death, a 20-year-old on suspicion of murder and two men aged 21 and 26 on suspicion of violent assault. All three were released on police bail until May 21.

Police are appealing for anybody with information or who may have been a witness to call 0300 333444 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



TRIBUTES: Some of the flowers left for Mr White in Post Office Road

MP refuses to say sorry for Iraq invasion

ON the fifth anniversary of the Iraq invasion, Bill Rammell has rejected a call to apologise for backing it. Harlow Liberal Democrat leader Chris Millington, also unsuccessfully called on the town's MP to vote for an inquiry into the invasion, a move defeated on Tuesday. He said Mr Rammell owed an apology to Harlow for "his part in authorising this disastrous military venture".

The Government claimed Iraq possessed nuclear weapons capable of being launched within 45 minutes, but this was not true.

Mr Rammell responded: "One of the things you have to do in politics is make judgements you believe to be right. That is what I did over the Iraq war."

"I want our troops home as soon as possible, but to set an arbitrary timetable ... would be dangerous and irresponsible."

He said he agreed with the need for an inquiry, but not until all British troops had been withdrawn.

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Council leaves advice centre future unsure

THE future of a long-running advice centre has been thrown into uncertainty after Harlow Council refused to renew its contract for another five years.

Just weeks after Harlow's Welfare Rights and Advice Service was hit with a £25,000 cut in funding as part of the council's 2008-09 budget, it faces a new blow after the policy and resources committee rejected its request for the long-term contract and instead agreed to a one-year extension while a review of the town's welfare rights and advice provision is undertaken.

The move has sparked fears the short-term deal until March 2009 could affect the service's ability to attract other sources of funding on which it relies heavily.

Centre manager Sue Jones told the *Star*: "After the £25,000 cut in council funding we need all of the alternative funding sources we can get. Now that the council has set up its working group to look into this, I just hope that it comes to a conclusion quickly so we can have some certainty about the future."

The service, in East Gate, offers help regarding benefits, debt, housing and employment to thousands of residents each year and was originally part of the council until it was separated off in 2003. At that time, the council entered a five-year agreement to pay it an annual subsidy to continue operating.

Addressing last Thursday's committee, community services head Lynn Seward said that although the service's fears about outside funding were understandable, the review was necessary due to the council's poor financial situation.



HARLOW man Simon Smith (35) made his TV debut last night (Wednesday) as one of 15 hopefuls seeking to land the job of a lifetime working for business tycoon Sir Alan Sugar in the BBC's *The Apprentice*. You can follow his weekly progress on our website at www.harlowstar.co.uk.

Five arrested in cannabis swoop

MORNING raids in Harlow resulted in five arrests and the seizure of cannabis plants police believe could have yielded up to £5m of the drug during their growing life.

Officers found more 1,000 cannabis plants, specialist electrical and lighting equipment and 35 sacks of the class C substance with a street value of about £100,000 at three addresses in Old Harlow, Foldcroft and Purford Green last Wednesday.

Four men and one woman – all of Vietnamese origin – were arrested during the raids. One suspect tried to flee by jumping from a window and running across the grounds of Princess Alexandra Hospital wearing only boxer shorts.

The scene inside one property was described as "a sea of green" by those participating in the raid, with plants crammed in wall-to-wall in almost every room.

Gaps around windows and doors had been sealed and mothball repellents hung in the houses in a

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bid to cover the distinctive smell of the crop.

Police claimed the amount of electrical equipment in use had put each property at serious risk of fire.

Estimating that the growing plants could have gone on to produce as much as £5m of the drug, Detective Chief Inspector Sean O'Callaghan praised residents for their involvement in the investigation.

"All three properties came to our notice through members of the public who had become suspicious of the activities of the tenants," he said. "Officers were stationed outside each address and waited until the suspects approached the building before issuing them with search warrants and entering the premises."

He added: "We want to make it clear that although the Government has reduced the criminality associated with cannabis by downgrading the drug to class C status, we are still committed to responding to any reports of criminal activity related to the drug."



KEEP OFF THE GRASS: At one of the raided houses are PCSO Emma Harris, left, and PCSO Racheal Ranson (s)

Drugs patrols strike Epping's pubs and clubs

A MAN was arrested after officers and drugs-scenting dogs searched licensed premises in Epping.

A team of six officers led the two springer spaniels and two Labradors into pubs and bars in the town last Friday.

Drugs paraphernalia was found at four premises

High-visibility patrols and random spot checks were also carried out in the High Street area.

One 29-year-old man from Harlow was arrested and taken to Loughton police station on suspicion of possessing a Class A drug. He was given a caution and released.

A woman in Harlow was also cautioned for possessing cannabis.

Epping Forest licensing officer Simon Fisher said: "I would like to thank the licence-holders who worked with us to carry out searches."

"We received positive comments from their customers, especially from women who were concerned about drink-spiking, stating they were pleased to see us and felt reassured that the club was working with us to keep it drug-free."

"We will not tolerate illegal drugs and any persons found in possession of them will be dealt with positively."

Anger at OAP home cost

A DECISION to spend almost £400,000 modernising accommodation for the elderly in Harlow has been criticised as "economic madness".

Mike Danvers (Labour) hit out at Harlow Council for awarding a £398,593 contract to Kier Harlow for works to just nine sheltered flats in Hester House, a listed 19th century former rectory in Hodings Road.

The decision – taken in private under delegated powers by council strategic director Graham Branchett and joint council leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington – was reported to a recent policy and resources committee.

Mr Danvers insisted it would be better to sell the house and use the money to acquire alternative accommodation. "The amount of money per unit is

amazing, he complained. "You could buy two properties for that kind of money. The economics are madness."

"Being guided by consultants – no matter how well paid they are – isn't always the best way – sometimes you need to exercise a bit of common sense."

However, Mr Branchett said alternative options had been considered and head of community services Lynn Seward said the council had made a commitment, which had to be honoured, to some of the elderly residents of Hester House that they would not be moved.

Joint leader and policy and resources committee chairman Mr Durcan said he was "entirely happy" with the decision.

Jobs are safe at travel call centre

A MAJOR travel firm has allayed fears it is set to close its Harlow call centre and pull out of the town following speculation about staff cuts.

The future of the TUI Travel call centre, in Station Approach, had been called into question by employees concerned about their jobs following the firm's announcement that it is to close its Kingston offices.

But the company has since told the *Star* that the 250 staff in Harlow are safe from compulsory redundancy, claiming it will instead rely on "natural wastage" of voluntarily departures and a temporary freeze on recruitment in order to cut back staff numbers.

As part of the shake-up, any employees previously dealing with long-haul inquiries will now be redeployed to handle the short-haul and specialist ski brands.

A TUI spokeswoman said: "Our short-haul specialist and ski brands will be remaining in Harlow and staff can rest assured that there is no plan to make compulsory redundancies."

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PEOPLE so troubled as to feel driven to commit suicide deserve the utmost sympathy and everything should be done to prevent them doing so. But with more than 70 cases a year in the UK, railway suicides are sadly inevitable and, as well as working on prevention, train operators should also be prepared to

WE SAY
protect their employees from those who will always find a way of carrying out the act. When the emotionally charged subject of suicide is under consideration, some might think a campaign for reinforced doors at the front of trains to be insensitively

matter-of-fact. But consider just how disturbing and life-changing such an experience must be for the train driver behind the controls when a person leaps out in front of them. Then imagine being trapped in a confined space with the body which has been struck at high speed by a railway engine. The drivers have a point.

Bus company’s ticket practice is a disgrace

SIR, Congratulations on your article highlighting the disgraceful practices of Arriva bus company (*Star*, March 13). We can now see how their monopoly was built and where their huge profits come from! Yes, the British tax payer again!

Since bus companies were required to issue tickets to requested destinations, a measure introduced to prevent fraud by bus companies who were counting pensioners several times over when they boarded buses, I have noticed the increasing habit of issuing tickets to the end of the line wherever possible, regardless of the true destination requested.

This has been happening for well over six months and judging by the fact that 50 per cent of tickets issued were for further than I had requested to go, I can no way consider this might be accidental. How come I’ve never been issued a ticket for a shorter journey than requested if this were the case?

Please note, I don’t think confronting the driver is good advice as I personally have received aggressive responses, the worst being the driver leaving his seat in an intimidating manner and shouting at me, the mildest of which has been ‘What’s the matter? You pensioners don’t pay anyway.’

When the council can no longer afford to supply bus passes for pensioners, I think it will matter to us all. Don’t ask them to issue the correct tickets because the original will not be cancelled from the tickets machine – I’ve tried this and so when the correct ticket is issued they will still have charged twice. Why does Harlow Council seem so disinterested? The money saved from the current operation means a smart card type system would pay for itself. With its present financial crisis, I can’t understand its lack of interest.

Come on oldies, we pensioners are not idiots! Please send your incorrect tickets to councillors Rideout and Thurston or drop them off at the Civic Centre marked for their attention and let’s stop this practice – after all, they don’t even provide a reliable service for us.

G.M. Juckett
Harlow (full address supplied)

Provoking a reaction?

SIR, I would just like to point out that your articles are cutting rather close to the mark regarding sexual encounters in old Harlow loos (*Star*, February 28 and March 13).

I am totally against this disgusting behaviour and I do believe that Harlow police should do something to stop this.

But just because the toilets are near to a school and the Town Park doesn’t mean that children are at any more risk than they are when out and about. I feel that you are making a meal out of this, just to provoke a reaction.

The article does, however, put gay people in an extremely worrying light, as your articles give the impression that all gay people are toilet sex lovers and paedophiles. I would like to point out that the graffiti and the toilet incidences are two separate issues. I feel you could have done more to make that known!

There are gay people out there that are nice people and frown upon these people’s actions. I can only hope that your articles do not have any unwarranted repercussions.

Will Blackman
Harlow (full address supplied)

Routes to better access

SIR, At a supermarket by Harlow Town Centre recently I noticed something interesting.

Both access roads contain twice as many lanes as usual in this town. I calculate that this startling innovation results in twice as many vehicles being able to simultaneously exit or enter the area.

What a pity that those responsible for planning major routes to, from or through this town seem never to have come across this truly exciting development in traffic management.

Toby Spall
Church Leys, Harlow

Plan Plainly unsuitable

SIR, Following the display at Epping Hall regarding the development of 350-plus houses at The Plain, I have the following to report.

Not unexpectedly, Bellway and their agent Savills blamed the density and layout of this proposed development on everyone but themselves. The architects, Grafik Design, also were put under a lot of pressure from residents. Some residents became rather heated!

The plans made ghastly viewing and the great number of Epping residents who attended were horrified by what they saw.

How can this site be referred to as urban when it is in the country market town and in the middle of Epping Forest? How do they think such a great number of dwellings and inhabitants, with their children and vehicles, can be absorbed into an already overloaded infrastructure?

Objections are still flowing in and an analysis is being prepared of comments received.

Jeanette Goatcher
Chairwoman, Plainly Say No Campaign Group
The Plain, Epping

Our thanks to hospital

SIR, On behalf of my brother and sister, I would like to express my thanks to the staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital and in particular those on Ray Ward for the exemplary care and attention given to our mother recently during her illness.

She was admitted three weeks ago at the age of 94, suffering from pneumonia, and the doctors and nurses worked tirelessly to relieve her symptoms during that time.

At all times she was made to feel important and treated with dignity and was allowed to die peacefully, without pain, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

The nursing staff went out of their way to show kindness and consideration, not only to our mother but to my brother and myself, especially during the last 24 hours of her life. We were allowed to visit at any time of the day and spend as long as we liked with her. I myself spent a night at the hospital and the nurses looked after me and were unstinting with their care for my welfare.

After my mother’s death we were able to remain with her for some time to say our goodbyes and we never felt that we were a nuisance or that we were not welcome. The staff on Ray Ward have a lot of patients in their care and always present smiling, cheerful faces in spite of the difficulties in looking after elderly patients.

Cleone Chapman
Watlington Road, Old Harlow

A jarring design fault

SIR, I read Bob Edwards’ letter (*Star*, March 13) with sympathy. I too hate recycling beautifully sculpted coffee jars. The problem is that the jars are unsuitable for re-use because of the lid design.

If we could persuade the manufacturers to provide jam jar type steel sealing lids they would be suitable for use for jam making, pickling or the storage of dry goods.

Is anybody out there listening?

Tina Rowland
Great Brays, Harlow

Illuminating a problem

SIR, Over recent years residents have noticed that a number of Harlow street lampposts demolished through traffic accidents take broadly six months to replace – surely this is an unacceptable delay which may even cause another accident?

Is the problem a contractor being too slow or the district/county council? If it is a contractor, then it is also either of the latter at fault too by not ensuring a more reasonable response time.

Councillors of any party who wish to be elected on May 1 need to do a better job controlling staff by establishing and ensuring a more efficient regime than at present, of which replacement lampposts is merely one aspect.

A. Buckman
Harlow (full address supplied)

Sculpture a total waste

SIR, My mother recently had a funny turn and completely blacked out. She’s had a few tests and has now been told that she needs to wear a device for 24 hours to monitor her blood pressure and heart rate, etc. Unfortunately, she won’t be able to be fitted with this monitor until April because the clinic only has one and it’s fully booked until then.

Considering £12,000 has just been spent on a monstrous sculpture (which looks like an explosion in a tin foil factory) for the courtyard of the Addition House clinic, I wonder where our priorities lie.

The council wasted £80,000 on a new town logo which no-one cares about and seems to believe that commissioning chromium eyesores is more important than providing a first-class health service.

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Vents check as mum and baby poisoned

CHECKS have been ordered on every replacement window installed in Harlow Council properties after a tenant and her four-month-old baby suffered carbon monoxide poisoning.

Council contractors found window vents were fitted upside-down in the Cannonsbrook home of Kieley Griffiths after she and four-month-old daughter Erin had a lucky escape.

Workmen from contractor Kier have now been sent back to inspect all new double-glazed windows put in recently to ensure no other families are at risk.

Ms Griffiths (26) told the *Star* how she suffered the frightening experience last Tuesday after switching the central heating on and sitting down to watch television.

"After a little while I felt really drowsy and my head starting banging," she said. "It was like I was falling asleep but it felt strange and I realised something wasn't right. Erin was in the room and I went over and tried to rouse her, but didn't get a response."

The panicking mother immediately got her daughter and two-year-old son Stanley – who



CLOSE CALL: Kieley Griffiths with Erin and Stanley (photo: YKV9R74D/02)

was upstairs and unaffected – out of the building.

Fortunately, Erin soon came round, but the emergency doctor later confirmed signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The next day, a council engineer inspected the house, spotted the dangerous vents and re-installed them correctly.

Ms Griffiths added: "I couldn't believe that was the problem – we could have all been killed."

The council and Kier released a joint statement, stating the window vents had been installed upside-down to prevent a draught.

"During his investigation, the engineer suggested the upside-down vents might have been a contributory factor," it stated. "The window vents were re-positioned on the same morning, as initially installed. The boiler was cleaned and necessary safety checks carried out, revealing no health issues. Kier Harlow will be checking all windows installed in the same phase of works to ensure that all vents are positioned correctly."

Train cab safety call after suicide

A TRAIN driver was trapped for 20 minutes with the body of a suicide victim who smashed through the door of her cab after jumping in front of her engine as it travelled at 70mph.

The horrific details of the incident at Harlow Mill Station on March 13 were disclosed to the *Star* this week.

It is understood a suicide at Harlow Town in February also resulted with the body coming through the door and into the cab.

Now drivers want rail operators to make modifications to what they say is an inherent weakness in the front doors of engines so other drivers are not put at risk or subjected to the harrowing experience.

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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The rolling stock in question is nearly 30-years-old and drivers believe it needs strengthening work so the metal doors can withstand the impact in future incidents, an inevitability with rail suicides nationally at more than 70 a year.

The driver in the latest incident, a Harlow woman who has done the job for seven years, is understood to still be off work but her colleagues and union representatives are pressuring National Express East Anglia – which recently changed its name from One – to carry out the work as a matter of urgency.

One driver, who asked not to be identified,

said: "Having a suicide is an occupational hazard for us, but you don't expect to have to share the cab with them."

"When you are driving a train you need to be 100 per cent focused, for obvious reasons. You can't afford to have your mind wandering, worrying about something like that happening."

"Of course, the biggest tragedy is for the person committing suicide, but you're never going to stop people chucking themselves off bridges or in front of trains – but there are ways the danger for others can be reduced."

A National Express East Anglia spokeswoman said: "We will listen to the concerns expressed by the trade unions."

● AS the *Star* went to press yesterday (Wednesday), the man who died on March 13 was named as Elden Chase (47).

Police will tackle fear of crime in 'safe town'

POLICE have pledged to tackle Harlow residents' "disproportionate" fear of crime, claiming the town is one of the safest places in Essex.

The latest statistics show Harlow has a crime detection rate of 88.6 per cent, the highest in the West Essex Division. The number of reported crimes has fallen by 5.2 per cent in the past year, with 515 fewer offences.

Chief Superintendent Tim Stokes pointed to the success of the Behave Or Be Banned scheme, which sees persistent troublemakers barred from pubs and bars, and outlined plans to increase the scope of

the operation by including shops and businesses.

He went on to praise the hard work and commitment of his officers but admitted that the force still had some way to go to eliminate fear of crime.

"We will be working hard to make the public's disproportionate fear of crime disappear," he said. "We can do this by continuing to reduce crime as we have been doing for several years now, but we will also strive to improve the quality of our service to victims and our communication with the public."

"I would give ourselves eight out of 10 for the past year."

MP: 'Drown out extremists'

MODERATE Muslims have been called on to drown out the minority voices of extremists by Harlow MP Bill Rammell.

In his capacity as a Government education minister, Mr Rammell was in

Bradford on Wednesday to launch a report into the attitudes of young British Muslims, commissioned by the charity Forward Thinking to address the social isolation of Muslim communities.

"Extremists represent a tiny proportion of British Muslims, but they have again and again shown an ability to amplify their voice to an extent far beyond what is justified by their numbers," said the MP.

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WELCOME TO SCHOOLBAG

This week, there was exotic and slightly creepy fauna at POTTER STREET PRIMARY; Sawbridgeworth's FAWBERT AND BARNARD PRIMARY saw pupils hoping to be the next *Dancing On Ice* stars; and MILWARDS PRIMARY youngsters took a close look at the importance of a healthy diet.

JIM TANFIELD
Schoolbag reporter

Tell us what's going on at your school
Contact Jim on
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Youngsters get their teeth into a week of food education



MILWARDS PRIMARY: Tommies, taters, apples and pears were all part of the Paringdon Road school's healthy eating week.

Children learnt about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and how the nutrients found in fruit and vegetables could give them energy and help them to improve their concentration for their schoolwork.

The week was launched with an assembly and pupils were shown healthy recipes for their lunchboxes and asked to try the same at home.

A spokeswoman said: "This is all part of having healthy school status and hopefully the children will go away with some new ideas about leading a healthy and happier lifestyle."

Pictured are, rear, Antonella Crudgington, centre, left to right, Kieran Miller, Hamzah Khan, Shannon Lassen, Ewan Isted, Lauren Lowe, front, left to right, Charlie Milsom and Sarah Kitchen

(photo: RTTZG7DT/03)

Greeting a few slippery customers!

POTTER STREET PRIMARY:

It was a case of safari so good at the Carters Mead school when creepy crawlies came for a visit. Safari Pete's wildlife roadshow turned up with some very exotic specimens from around the world.

A tarantula and a bird-eating spider crawled about while the slightly cuddlier chinchilla and a mysterious fruit bat looked on. The children even allowed a large snake to crawl over them as they lay on the floor.

A spokeswoman said: "The children were a lot less squeamish than the adults and were as good as gold."

"Safari Pete even let them touch the animals, but he was thankfully close at hand to supervise!"



ANIMAL MAGIC: Safari Pete and friend get to know Danielle Fletcher, left, and Charlie Keown
(photo: LTVKWPY/01)

School gets its skates on for a treat



FAWBERT AND BARNARD PRIMARY:

Children and parents at the Sawbridgeworth school had a no-ice time on an artificial skating rink.

The PTA organised the plastic rink for some spring fun and as a treat for the pupils' hard work during the past term.

Vice chairwoman Helen Kirby said: "It ended up being very much a family event, with lots of parents joining their children on the rink. "It was quite hard to master on the plastic, but the children seemed to have a lot less fear than the adults and were trying to outdo each other with tricks and jumps. The experience may mean some of them want to try the real thing now."

Pictured is Tina Gazzard with children George and Mia.

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Cancer race pair are so supportive

A MOTHER and daughter who battled cancer together will be supporting each other again when they lead this year's Race For Life in Harlow.

Kerrie Fitzjohn (33) and mum Rebecca (53) were diagnosed with breast cancer within weeks of each other four years ago and have been chosen as race starters for the Cancer Research UK fundraiser in Harlow Town Park on May 18.

It is the first time the pair, who live together in Mark Hall Moors, have taken part in the female-only 5km jog. Kerrie had signed up previously but had to drop out because of her treatment.

But now they are both recovering they have decided to make up for lost time.

Kerrie, a geography teacher at Brays Grove School, discovered she had breast cancer in June 2004 – and just three weeks later, Rebecca was diagnosed too after a routine mammogram.

The double blow came as a huge shock to the family, not least Kerrie's sister Clare Dippenaar who, along with her six-year-old daughter Rebecca, will also be taking part in the Race For Life.

"It all came at once," said Kerrie. "We were both treated at the breast cancer unit at St Margaret's, in Epping, and they had to fit my mum's operation and my chemotherapy around each other."

"Taking part in Race For Life is such a great way to raise money for a brilliant cause. It is thanks to the work of Cancer Research UK that more and more people are recovering from all types of cancer."

More than 1,500 women have signed up for Harlow's Race For Life, meaning the remaining places are limited. Another Race For Life event takes place at North Weald Airfield on July 9. To sign up for either, call 0871 6412271 or visit www.raceforlife.org/centraleast.



BOND: Rebecca and Kerrie Fitzjohn ready for the big run (photo: YWJ4MTNG/06)

Art aid for hospice

A RAFFLE of a piece of glass artwork has raised £240 for Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice.

The item, created at Parndon Mill by local artist Ewa Wawrzyniak, was purchased in the charity sale by the Harlow branch of Business Network International.

Quiz up in the air

LIFE-saving air ambulance services in Essex and Hertfordshire will benefit from the proceeds of a quiz night.

The event on April 12 is at Tye Green Indoor Bowls Club, in Tilegate Road. Entry is £15 for a team of six (maximum six people). Call Shane McCormick on (01279) 428321.

Alzheimer's stand

ADVICE and information from Harlow Alzheimer's Society will be available when the charity mans a stand in Harlow's Harvey Centre tomorrow (Friday) from 10am-2.30pm.

Bricklaying course

WOULD-be builders in Harlow can learn how to lay bricks and mortar at a new adult community learning course organised by Essex County Council.

For details of the four-week course which starts on April 19 in Stansted, call (01279) 813319/427711.

Banking on blood

DONATIONS of blood can be made next Friday at Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall, in The Forebury, from 2-4pm and 5-7.30pm, and the following Monday during the same hours at Epping Catholic Hall, in Church Hill.

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And if you have been piling on pounds, here's a great way to get back in shape and keep fit – start training for this summer's big fundraising event in Harlow.

On Saturday, June 21, thousands of women are expected to take part in a 10km Midnight Walk along the town's network of cycle paths to raise money for St Clare Hospice.

Already hundreds of people have requested registration packs for the event, which is being supported by the **Harlow Star** along with our sister paper the *Bishop's Stortford Observer* and Ten-17fm.

And with a limited number of places available, the advice is to register NOW before it is too late.

The walk organisers have also received a number of inquiries from teams of people wanting to take part. So if you are part of a group of people who want to register as a team, then you will need to do so quickly. Registration could not be simpler. You can request a registration pack by telephone or post or, to make it even easier, register online. Just follow the instructions in the panel on the right.

The cost of registration is £15 per walker but of course you can raise much more for the hospice by getting yourself sponsored. You can walk in memory of a loved one you have lost, walk for someone you know who has benefited from the work of St Clare or just walk for yourself.

To take part you must be over the age of 16. Places are limited and will be allocated in the order entries are processed.

Marshals will be stationed along the route – which starts and finishes at The Water Gardens – to guide and assist participants

Midnight Walk How to register



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Visit the website at www.stclare-hospice.co.uk and register online.

when necessary. The Midnight Walk is accessible to wheelchair users.

Everyone who takes part will receive a special pink T-shirt and goody bag when they arrive on the night.

The walk will be the biggest single fundraising event in the history of the hospice. The annual running cost of the service is £1.8m and it receives 30 per cent of its funding from the West Essex Primary Care Trust.

Communications officer Giles Wright said: "Already hundreds of local ladies have shown they want to support their local hospice charity by painting the town pink and having a great time out with their friends.

"We are delighted that so many want to make this event a success and urge anyone who hasn't signed up yet to do so to help us to reach our target so we can be there for so many more local people dying from illnesses such as cancer."

Grave change upsets family

By LOUISE SASSOON

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CEMETERY workers have been branded "insensitive" by a woman who claims they turfed over her father's grave and tossed aside mementos.

Jo Lovett, right, found plants and a small fence surrounding the grave of her father Bob Atkinson had been torn out and the area laid with grass.

She and her family sought answers from Harlow Council but were shocked to get a letter stating it owns the land, does not have to discuss groundwork with relatives and that fencing graves is prohibited.

"My sister and my mum and I were really upset," said Mrs Lovett (43), of The Orchards, Sawbridgeworth. "It was really insensitive and we wish now that we had had him cremated."

Earlier this year, Tina Griffin, of Copshall Close, Harlow, and Susan Twomey, of Chelsea Gardens, Harlow, complained about the treatment of their relatives' graves.

A council spokesman denied any wrong doing, adding all graves are regularly maintained and stating it is sometimes necessary to remove items.

"The staff usually sow grass seed or turf graves twice a year, or more where necessary, but always try not to disturb the graves any more than necessary, to carry out the routine upkeep," he said.



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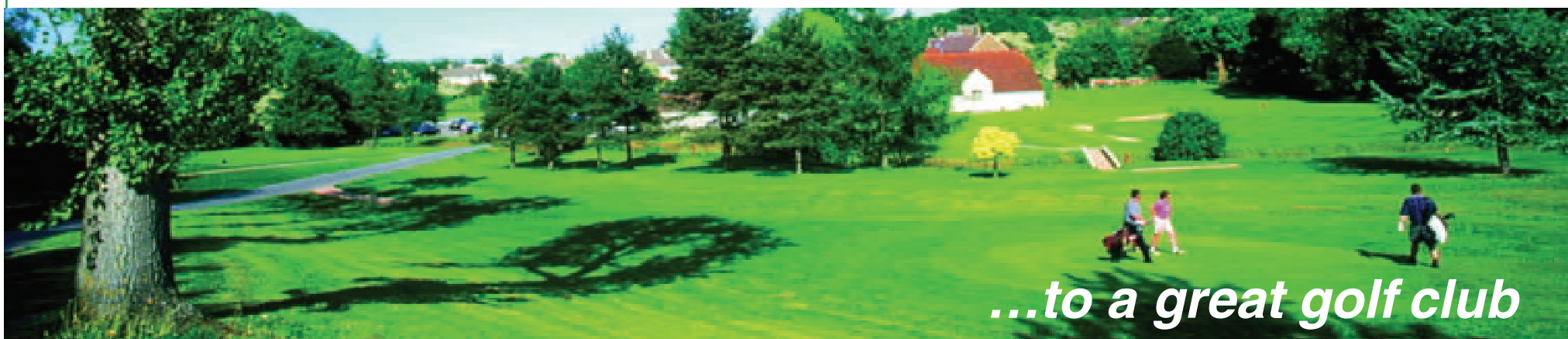
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SO it's now official – Harlow will be getting a 'superschool' built on the site of the doomed Brays Grove.

Essex County Council planners gave the go-ahead, meaning staff and pupils at Tendring Road's Passmores School will be relocated to the new buildings, due for completion in 2011.

So what exactly will a £23m school bring to the town and what will it do for the 1,200 children who get to attend it?

County Hall pulled the plug on Brays Grove, due to shut its doors this summer for the last time, leaving a gap in secondary education in the south-eastern corner of the town.

It was earmarked for closure due to a drop in pupil numbers – despite the potentially huge proposed housing growth for Harlow and the ingress of young families which go with new developments. As yet, no new schools have been planned.

Here we must also spare a thought for the Brays Grove staff, seemingly being removed and replaced by those from Passmores despite being a proud, hard-working and committed team.

They are the victims of geography and politics, and of a county council which had seemingly rubber-stamped its closure.

Education, however, is essentially an ever-changing creature and needs to develop to suit the modern world and, regardless of whether you think the standards have dropped or not, few would like to see a return to the cane and slate-board days.

Passmores headteacher Vic Goddard, pictured right, has always seen the move as a self-evidently positive thing for education in the town.

"A move of 1.3 miles to ensure an investment of at least £23m? I

Blank paper promise of £23m superschool



By
JIM TANFIELD

certainly wouldn't be doing my job or serving the pupils properly if I didn't think that would be a good thing. It's such a weight off the shoulders knowing it's going ahead," he said. "Schools which are aged 40 just don't have the capacity for what we need to do to move on.

"The school will be able to offer more vocational courses on site, such as hair and beauty, painting and decorating and tiling; at the moment we can only offer 10 per cent of the pupils vocational training.

"We will look at extending the swimming pool as well and hopefully retaining the astro-turf all-weather pitch, which I know is important to so many people.

"There will be considerably improved IT areas – old schools just weren't designed or wired for this kind of thing."

Mr Goddard added: "We have got a blank piece of paper here – we have no architects yet – it's pretty exciting stuff for education in the town and for Passmores."

It looks as if a superschool is a move



(photo: X7FHS43N/01)

in the right direction – or at least part of it, and there's the rub for the campaign group fighting the relocation.

Save Passmores Action Group's Jim Rogers believes it is the disparity in

the town's education further down the line which will create the problems.

"Passmores as it is at present is surrounded by areas of concentrated and multiple deprivation," he said. "But what of the areas of deprivation

further out such as Katherines which will now be at the opposite end of the town to the superschool?

"In effect, this means the ones who are battling hardest to get out there and make a go of it will be the last ones able to use the superschool.

"The one big question still remains – why was it so easy to close Brays Grove when soon afterwards they were saying that they needed a school on that site? Why is the land at Passmores so much more important than land at Brays Grove?"

Mr Goddard played down Mr Rogers' concerns and insisted the school has always served the whole town and that 50 per cent of its students already came from closer to the Brays Grove site than the current school.

He added students from poorer areas would be able to travel free to the new site and that he was not surprised those living closest to the school fields would be concerned about future developments there.

"We are not done fighting this yet," added Mr Rogers, "You really do have to ask why the board of governors consistently refused to sit down with us to answer questions – I think it's safe to say the decision was made a long time ago."

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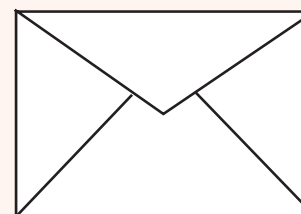
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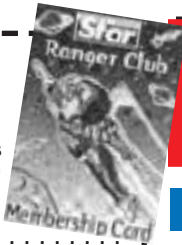
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See-saw design is a bright idea

A young British inventor is helping to light up the lives of African schoolchildren with a clever new idea.

Daniel Sheridan, pictured right,

has designed a special see-saw for use in school playgrounds which can generate enough electricity to light a classroom for several hours

The innovative and eco-friendly device works by sending the power created by children playing on it to an electricity storage unit where the energy can be stored until it's needed.

It impressed the experts so much they have now given Daniel £5,500 to develop his designs into a working model.

Many African schools open in the evenings to cater for older pupils, so Daniel's invention could be very important. Until now students have had to rely on candles and oil lamps for light.

The 23-year-old, from Coventry, got the idea as he watched children play while working as a volunteer at a school on the island of Wasimi off the coast of Kenya, last summer.

He said: "The number of children we saw there loved to play and their with energy



and their vibrancy I thought it would be great if I could somehow make use of this."

When he returned home Daniel did some research and came up with his design.

He estimates that playing on the see-saw for just five to 10 minutes could generate enough electricity to light a classroom for an entire evening.



Rangers Fact File

NAME: Chloe (member 341)
DATE OF BIRTH: March 21, 2002
ADDRESS: The Glebe, Harlow
SCHOOL: Broadfields Primary
HOBBIES: Swimming and riding her bike
DISLIKES: Going to bed
FAVOURITE BOOK: High School Musical
FAVOURITE TV: EastEnders

FAVOURITE MUSIC: High School Musical
FAVOURITE FOOD: Sausages
LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Broccoli
FAMILY: Brother, Josh (9)
PETS: Lucky the Jack Russell
WANTS TO BE: A singer or a dancer

(photo: PLZ7LQPB/07)

Happy Birthday

TODAY

KYAH (member 224), of The Dashes, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. LEWIS (member 175), of Mercers, Harlow, is 11; KERRIE (member 798), of Quarry Spring, Harlow, is 10; LARA (member 795), of Little Brays, Harlow, is 6

FRIDAY

CALLUM (member 401), of Ridgeways, Harlow, is 9

SATURDAY

GEORGIA (member 433), of Challor, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. AIMEE (member 486), of Mallards Rise, Harlow, is 11

SUNDAY

LUKE (member 594), of Pytt Field, Harlow, is 7

MONDAY

HANNAH (member 915), of Milwards, Harlow, is 7; BEN (member 776), of Campbell Close, Harlow, is 2.

TUESDAY

GEORGIA (member 410), of Spencers Croft, Harlow, is 10

WEDNESDAY

SAMUEL (member 552), of Taylifers, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. AMY (member 558), of Zambesi Road, Bishop's Stortford, is 9; MICHELLE (member 861), of Abbeydale Close, Harlow, is 5

New recruit

LUKE (member 927), of Longbanks, Harlow, is 3 tomorrow (Friday). He enjoys watching Thomas The Tank Engine and Roary The Racing Car.

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Foreign beers fly in for pub's beer festival

ALE enthusiasts can look forward to a pint with a distinctly international flavour when a Harlow pub launches its annual beer festival tonight (Thursday).

The cask-conditioned specialities at the William Aylmer, in Kitson Way, will include five overseas brews as well as award-winning ales, fruit and wheat beers and others brewed exclusively for the 19-day event.

Among the foreign contingent will be Stone California Double IPA from the USA and Yo-Ho Tokyo Black from Japan, neither of which have ever been available in the UK before.

Landlady Gemma Madden said: "The beer festival will have an international flavour and will give people the opportunity to enjoy a superb selection of beers which are not normally available in the area."

Fifth Avenue as good as silver!

A MAJOR new housing development in Harlow has been praised for its design with a national award.

Barratt's Fifth Avenue development, part of the Harlow Gateway project, took the silver award for design and innovation at the Hotproperty.co.uk New Homes Awards.

The 27-acre site is in its second phase of work and offers one- and two-bedroom apartments on the former site of the town's dry ski slope.

Barratt North London managing director Glyn Hopping said: "We are delighted with our award for design and innovation for Fifth Avenue, a £100m development that is a major part of Harlow's regeneration.

"The award is a testament to the considerable attention to detail from the whole team at Barratt North London to create a highly desirable place to live."

Business incubator's on track for autumn

By **CHRIS MOSS**
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A NEW business centre to promote entrepreneurship and enterprise in Harlow is on track to be open by the autumn.

Work has now begun to convert Great Eastern House, a former Nortel building in Edinburgh Way, into Harlow's first Business Incubation Centre.

The major step forward with the project – funded by part of a £10m Growth Area Fund grant from the Government – comes just weeks after another important scheme made possible by the windfall was given outline planning permission.

Work to regenerate Clifton Hatch by relocating shops, replacing homes and creating new parking got the go-ahead from Harlow Council's planning committee last month and a developer will be appointed



ON COURSE: An artist's impression of the centre (s)

shortly. It is due to be completed by autumn 2009.

The Business Incubation Centre scheme will see Great Eastern House divided into individual units to offer a modern, supportive working environment for start-up businesses, as well as housing established small businesses looking for new premises as a platform for growth.

The building will also be radically transformed in terms of its design, with the addition of an eye-catching glass atrium.

East of England Development Agency enterprise head Mark Aspinall said: "This centre is fantastic news for the business community in Harlow, providing exciting new opportunities for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses in the area.

"The centre is vital in driving forward Harlow's regeneration and growth, increasing both the small business base and employment opportunities of Harlow and the surrounding area."



(photo: WYM47D9V/01)

Kerry's back in the swim

AN enterprising lifeguard left jobless after the closure of Harlow Pool has kept her head above water by setting up weekly swimming classes for children.

Kerry McCarthy (27), of Hollyfield, Harlow, bounced back from the sudden loss of her job with new venture Minnows To Sharks, where she helps children as young as six months learn to swim.

Operating out of the pool at Broadfields School, in School Lane, every Wednesday morning

between 8am-noon, the swim school offers relaxed adult-with-baby and adult-with-toddler lessons at competitive prices.

"At the moment, we're only really running lessons for kids up to the age of about four-and-a-half, but I hope to expand the Harlow classes in the near future to cater for older children," said Mrs McCarthy.

She also plans to begin a junior lifeguard course soon.

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Putting names to a few of our builders

WE recently published a photograph of a team of construction workers in early Harlow New Town.

So thanks to the person who sent us the April 1951 edition of *Gazette*, the house magazine of developer Gilbert-Ash, which detailed the very picture.

The photo appeared as part of a *Focus On Harlow* feature and it seems our previous claim that it was taken in Chippingfield was wrong. The men were actually pictured at nearby Mark Hall North.

"This job was started in January 1950 by Mr Evans, Foreman Carpenter, who has now returned to assist Mr Goodwin in completing by April 1951," the magazine reports. "It consists of three blocks totalling 63 flats. The Tower Block Terrace and ninth floor will be used as vantage points from which to view the New Town during the Festival of Britain."

"The majority of the Bricklayers and Foreman Bricklayer Cherry have been with us since the early days of the job and are housed by the Corporation. They are to be congratulated on the general high standard of the workmanship maintained despite the difficulties encountered."

The men pictured are named, with Gunn, Gunner, Sutton, Morris, Walker, Walters, Broughton and Stenson in the back row; Maskell, Mr Goodwin – he gets a "Mr" as the general foreman – Lincoln, Evans, Robins,



By
BEN WILKINSON

Buxcey, Smart, Jacobs, Wild, McDonnell, Evans, Johnson, Perry, Mabbett, Palmer and Cherry in the middle; and Cliff, Ham, Mason, Whiston, Blanks, Wilson, Bartley, Simnett and Ashard in the front.

We know Morris' first name – Sam – at least, because his daughter Doris Greenlees is a *Star* reader and was good enough to get in touch.

Mrs Greenlees (82), of Little Brays, said: "I have three sisters all living in the town and we have lived here all our lives. My dad was born in Eastwick and is buried down at the church."

Ladyshot resident George Blanks also spotted his father: "The bricklayers in the photo trained me and I worked with them throughout the building of the New Town," he recalled.

"In Chippingfield, where my parents lived, the staff from Harlow Development Corporation were housed – but builders were also thick on the ground. I married the girl from across the road – her father was a plasterer. We wed 53 years ago and the development of this town around us since has amazed us; it is so far removed from what it used to be."

An even more remarkable story lies behind Foreman Bricklayer Cherry (first name Harry) – after helping build the New Town, he went on to become its very first tenant! Don't miss next week's *Nostalgia* for the full story.



School's golden appeal

LOOKING pleased as punch here after a triumphant performance are the football team from Harlow's William Martin Junior School, circa 1961.

The school, in Tawneys Road, is hoping to collect similar photos from its 50 year history as it celebrates its golden anniversary next month.

Teacher Jackie Rowell said: "We have planned a range of events during the coming year to mark

the occasion and we would like to appeal to readers of *Star Nostalgia* for any photos which we might be able to use.

"Photos can be brought to the Junior school reception and we will scan them and return the originals as soon as possible. It would obviously be helpful if we are given an idea of the date and the occasion."

The picture here is one the school has already received. Can you identify the young players?

Prince's visit to rubber factory



SOME months ago, we covered the stopic of Templefields rubber factory Revertex and the Duke of Edinburgh's visit there in 1959.

We are grateful to reader Edna Symes for sending us this photograph of the Prince surrounded by some rather serious looking business folk.

Do you know any of the other people in the picture, or have your own memories of working at Revertex? Write to us with your memories.

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SMALL firms in Harlow are facing massive rent increases which some claim could squeeze them out of business. Several companies at The Pinnacles Industrial Estate have been asked to pay up to 100 per cent more a year as part of a five-year rent review by their landlords, the Commission for New Towns.

OLD CHURCH GETS A NEW LIFE

FOUR years of disuse has left St John's Church, Old Harlow, vandalised and in desperate need of repair.

But this week sees the start of a £180,000 scheme to restore it to its former glory. Harlow Chorus signed a 99-year lease yesterday to turn the church, built in 1839, into an arts and recreation centre.

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SIXTY acres of land north of Gilden Way may be bought for housing by Harlow Council.

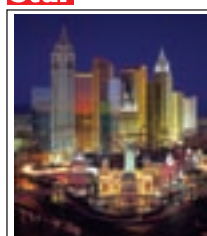
The land will be developed if the town's expansion needs cannot be met elsewhere. But the council would prefer to develop land east of Potter Street.

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HARLOW teacher Paul Harley is to receive a bravery award from the Royal Humane Society.

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16. Intersection of three roads (1-8)
18. Another name for the Australian wattle (6)
19. Type of sound that is high-pitched and piercing (6)
21. Dark rain-bearing clouds (5)
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Family Announcements

Deaths

BEGLEY. — Mick. Come on you Spurs. R.I.P. Love Glenn.

RON COZZI

Beloved husband of Daphne and father to Peter, Ann and Alan. Passed away peacefully in his sleep with his loved ones at his side.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Friday 4th of April at 12 noon.

A resident of Harlow for over 50 years Ron had many friends in local football and acting circles and anybody who knew him is more than welcome to attend the service but please no black just come as you are. Small donations are welcome rather than flowers and will be passed on to the Leah Manning Centre in Harlow who did so much for Ron and Daphne when they needed it most. Contact Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors on 01279 426990 for details.



TREVOR DAVIES

Sadly passed away after a brave fight on Saturday 15th March 2008, aged 55 years. Trevor will be greatly missed by his loving wife Julie, family and many friends. He will remain in our hearts forever. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations to 'Mesothelioma Research Fund' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

VAL HADEN

Passed away peacefully after a long illness bravely borne on 19th March 2008 aged 62 years. Beloved wife to John, mum to Denise and Joanne and nan to Jessica and Megan. Will be greatly missed. Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 28th March 2008 at 12 noon.

Flowers or donations to Isabel Hospice may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3AL. Telephone (01279) 655477.

MURIEL HOLLINGSHEAD (RITA)

Passed away peacefully Friday 21st March 2008. Memorial service to be held at Summers Farm Close. Tel: 07503 088961 for details.

JANE RAVENSCROFT

In memory of Jane, a dear friend, colleague and teacher. Ex-Harlow College staff member. Sadly passed away on 28 February 2008. For details, please contact Sue Pearce 07791443075. She will be much missed.

TOM SMEDLEY

Passed away peacefully 17th March 2008. Will be sadly missed

GEORGE TURNER

Passed away peacefully in his sleep, after a short illness, on Tuesday 25th March 2008, aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and dad to Barry, Ian and Gordon. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 3rd April 2008 at 2pm. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex CM20 1QP. Tel. 01279 426990.

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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MARK WHITE

'Nephew and Cousin'
Rest in Peace darling!
We love you so much!
Uncle Ray, Auntie Maureen, Debbie, Janice, Linda and family
xxxxxxx

MARK WHITE

(Mardy Boy)
Thanks for livening up the worst of nights. We will never forget you.
Jay, Mandy, Rhonda and Kayleigh

MARK WHITE

The best friend we all lost
Tragically taken from us all on
21-03-08, aged 34

Always there
Always smiling
Always in our hearts
Never ever forgotten

Barwick, Dashy, Gal, Gunner,
Mazy, Martin, Russ, Scotty and
Star
xxx

MARK WHITE

MARDIE BOY

We have all lost a very special person who touched each and everyone of our lives in a very special way. We are glad to have known such a lovely, kind and gentle man. Our hearts and love are with his family, and his beautiful baby girl Rae. We miss you so much. Lots of love
Leanne, Martin and Patrick
xxxxx

MARK JASON WHITE

21-03-08 - Aged 34
My heart has been broken
My world has been shattered
You were the missing piece to my puzzle.
From your soon to have been wife
Tanya.
L.U.S.M.
xxxxx
R.I.P.
Funeral arrangements to follow.

MARK WHITE

14.08.73 - 21.03.08.
Our beloved friend, too few your years, for you, we cry these painful tears, so much to do so much to say, but now that's all been taken away. It's just not fair, not your time to go, our beloved friend, we miss you so. Miss you mate, love Scott, Shani and family.
xxx

MARK WHITE

'SON'
21/03/08
Because you were such a special son, no words can ever say how much we love and miss you each and every day. Until we meet again.
Love you loads
Dad and Rose
Xxx

MARK WHITE

A kind-hearted fun, genuine man that had everything to live for has been tragically taken from us too early. You will be missed deeply. Until we meet again. Sleep tight Mardy Boy. Love you, Gayne, Russ and Jessica

MARK WHITE

Passed away 21st March.
The most loving son anyone could ever wish for. You will be missed my darling. I love you so much it hurts, you will always be in my heart, you will always be my baby. Love you, miss you loads. Mum and Mick
xxx

MARK WHITE

How blessed we've been to have had a friend like you. You will be sadly missed but never forgotten. You will always be in our thoughts and always in our hearts forever.
Dashy, Vic and Sidonie xxx

MARK WHITE

A true blue diamond 1 in a million Forever missed and loved.
Damian, Kielly, George, Stanley and Erin.

MARK JASON WHITE 'BROTHER'

Our precious Brother
Our world was torn apart the day you left us!
You were the best Brother and Uncle in the world!
We will always love you!
We will never forget you!
What are we going to do without you? Shine your star brightly and look after Ronnie!
We love and miss you so much already!
Always and Forever Paul, Sharon, Lisa, Dave, Bobby, Chloe, Danny and Codi
Xxx

MARK JASON WHITE DADDY

I am sending the biggest kisses for the best Daddy a girl could wish for. Love Baby Rae x
For the best Step Dad in the world we love and miss you so much. Lewis, Robyn, and Billy xxx

WHITE. — Mark. So cruelly taken from us, you had so many plans ahead of you, Tanya and family. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Love Irene, Alan and Grandad George. Calvin, Jackie and family. Meneasa, Nigel and family. Damian, Kielly and family.

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FOX. — Patricia. Special mum and nan, six years have passed and you are in our thoughts every minute of the day. Love you loads, Deb, Keith, Gillian, Mark and Ann, Brian, Peter, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

HUNT. — Charlotte. To a lovely mum, remembering on what would have been your 100th birthday, 25-3-08. Still love and remember you always. Love, Iris, Peter, Lorraine and families.

JOHNSON. — Leslie. March 28th 1994. Time passes but our love and memories will never fade. Maureen, Helen, Ian.

MAHONEY. — Dora. 16th August 1930 - 31st March 2006. Missing you.... and your smiles, your laughter, your wisdom, your unconditional love and most of all your friendship. Till we meet again, loving you as ever. XXXX

PEIRCE. — John Edward. 3.7.67 - 31.3.91. Dearest John. We love and miss you so much, you'll stay forever in our hearts. God Bless son. Mum and Dad. x

PEIRCE. — John Edward. Remembering a dear brother at this time of year and always. Love from Sharon, Paul, Matthew and Nicholas. x

PEIRCE. — John Edward. Thinking of you at this time of year as always. God Bless John. Love Steve, Marlene, Garry, Lucy. x

PERRY. — Harry (Wink). April 1st 1995. Very sadly missed always. Thinking of you, with all our love, Joan, Ian, Elaine and family.

JOHN HARRY SAVAGE

A year has gone by since you went away But in our hearts you will always stay

Iris, Mark, Kate, Archie, Ellie, Darryl, Joy, Wayne, Ethan

SIVYER BILL

In loving memory of a special dad

As each day dawns and start anew
As each day ends I think of you

God bless Dad and Jon
Remembered always
xx Love from Linda xx

Birthday

CHLOE and SHAUN KEYTE



Happy 21st and 18th Birthday on 27th March. Lots of love Mum and Grace xxx

OTTER KEYTE Chloe 21 and Shaun 18



Congratulations on both your special birthdays 27/3/08
All our love Dad, Nikki and Grace
xxx

18th Birthday



Happy 18th DANNI NEECH

Love from Nannie Pat, Denise, Paul, Lauren, Niall.

40th Birthday



KEVIN GRACE

Happy 40th Still looking good. Lots of love Maz, Andrew, Mel, Danny, Ricky, Jessica and grandchildren Charlie and Harry xxx

Golden Wedding

Golden Wedding

RICKY & DOREEN BEESLEY

Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes from all of the James family xxx

Golden Wedding

DOLL and ALAN BUDD

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary Lots of love Mick, Deb's, Ryan, Jake, Perry, Steve, Karen and Daniel xxx

ALICE and PETER WARDILL



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to a wonderful Mum and Dad. All our love, Lynne, Mick, Hannah, Sarah, Mick, Andrea, Joe, Tom, Oliver, Laura and Paul xxx.

1st Birthday

FRANCESCA MAE MORTON



Happy First Birthday. All our love always. Mummy, Daddy, Salvio, Ashleigh, Marcella, Marco, Faye
xxx

21st Birthday



LOOK WHO'S 21 (YOU LITTLE DEVIL)
Happy Birthday **LARNA COOMBS**
30th March. Love Mum, Dad, Dan and Jessica
xxxxx

50th Birthday

50th BIRTHDAY

UNA DIXON / McCABE
Happy 50th Birthday to our special friend, one in a million. Lots of love, The Lambrusco Club xxxxx

14th Birthday



EVAN LAMBE
Happy 1st Birthday. Lots of love Mummy, Daddy and Poppy xxx



JESSICA MATHEWSON
Happy 14th Birthday Love you always Mum and Dad
xxx

COOMBS. — Larna. Happy 21st Birthday. Enjoy your day. Love Nan and Grandad.

21st BIRTHDAY

AUNTY CORINNE
Happy 21st Birthday! I love you lots. Love Ayla
xxx

50th BIRTHDAY

UNA DIXON

26th March Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love from all your family xx

Diamond Wedding

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MAURA and CHARLES WRIGHT

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MUSIC: Jazz drumming maestro John Petters returns to Old Harlow's St John's ARC, off Market Street, tonight (Thursday) at 8pm. He is joined by his plucky trad pals and tickets are £10 from (01279) 442447.

MUSIC: Patsy Cline and Dolly Parton are among the artists covered by Country Divas at The Playhouse tomorrow (Friday). The show starts at 8pm and tickets are £15 from (01279) 431945.

COMEDY: The Gag Club continues with its second show at the Harlow Barrow's Farm Football Stadium tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm with Mike Belgrave, Valentine Fly Guy, Andrew Roper and Danny Davis. Tickets are £12 on the door or £10 in advance from www.thegagclub.co.uk.

MUSIC: The Animals' play a free concert in Market Square, organised by Harlow's new town centre management, at 2.30pm on Sunday. The '60s favourites will be joined on stage by local acts FASE4 and The Penny Royals.

MUSIC: Sumptuous and spine-tingling works by great Briton Ralph Vaughn Williams form the Chigwellian Choral Society's free *Spring Concert* at St John's Church, in Epping High Street, on Saturday at 7.30pm.

ART: Anne Allanson's exhibition of abstract landscape oil paintings *Mixed Moods* continues at the New Hall Centre, Harlow, until Sunday.

BALLET: Even the caged bird sings as Harlow Ballet Association performs *The Emperor And The Nightingale* at The Playhouse from Wednesday until next Sunday at 3pm and 7.30pm. For tickets priced £9-£16.50, call (01279) 431945.

Secret thoughts being shared by poet Pamela



By
JIM TANFIELD

AN Epping poet's anthology chronicling the death of a much-missed parent has been published.

The Secret Thoughts by Pamela Ng Ig Ok (real name Okonowa) is now widely available and charts the poet's inner feelings following her father's death in 2006.

"I went to see my pastor at St John's Church and talked about my father and my feelings as I was feeling fairly depressed and low," said mother-of-two Pamela (39), of Centre Drive.

"She told me to go and write down my thoughts in a diary form, so I did."

Pamela, originally from Nigeria and working in a Loughton children's centre, added: "When I went back to her with what I'd written, she told me she thought it was very poetic and suggested I took it to a publisher.

"The publisher showed an interest and it went on from there."

Despite the anthology being originally written as a stream-of-consciousness work, Pamela cites Edgar Allan Poe as an inspiration and said the rhythms of his work helped her create the metre.

She added: "I just wrote my thoughts down as I thought of them and they happened to read in a poetic way.

"Even though it sounds quite a depressing subject, there is a lot of humour in there, a real mix of funny



(photo: WPWLH9QF/03)

poems and sadness."

The poet held a reading at Epping's Speak Easy Bar last Tuesday and signed copies.

Afterwards, she said: "It went really well and was a great place to do it - the book is selling quite well, but of course publicity means a lot."

● *The Secret Thoughts* is available from Epping Bookshop and other outlets, as well as online from Amazon, from £5.

New hand at theatre's helm



PAUL GRIFFITHS

THE curtain has been raised on the new face taking the helm at The Playhouse in Harlow.

Paul Griffiths has extensive experience in both commercial and public-funded venues and has worked continuously in theatre since leaving university with a drama degree 12 years ago.

A spokesman for the council said: "Paul joins the council with the remit to take The Playhouse to its next level of success and to continue to strengthen the strong ties that exist with the local community.

"Paul has a good track record of securing funding for initiatives and increasing income and turnover at theatres and has also led two teams to best theatre team awards for delivering summer youth projects."

His CV includes stints at the Theatre Royal Stratford East, Scarborough and the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick.

He replaces Phil Dale, who left the theatre in January.

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Perpetual bridesmaid is tired with wedding daze



ALWAYS THE BRIDESMAID: Katherine Heigl, left, stars in 27 DRESSES (s)

YET another saccharine rom com wedding picture cashing-in on the tired genre's guaranteed box-office success, this at least tries to be different by shifting the focus onto the desperate lady-in-waiting rather than cooing over the loved-up newlyweds' inevitable triumph over adversity.

Perpetual bridesmaid Jane (Katherine Heigl) is fed up with always playing second fiddle – and with a wardrobe stuffed with 27 themed bridesmaid dresses from her pompous

27 DRESSES
certificate 12A, running time 1h 51m

friends' weddings, who wouldn't be? So when the selfless romantic discovers her sister Tess has snaffled the object of her unrequited desire – her boss George (Edward Burns) – she is understandably peeved and is reluctant to accompany her sibling down the aisle. But inquisitive wedding journalist Kevin (James Marsden) has more than just a professional interest in Jane after he spots her at two ceremonies in the same night and his dogged

persistence soon pays off when he convinces the crestfallen woman to join him for a drink. As preparations for Tess and George's wedding day take shape, Jane reluctantly allows the cynical hack to write a feature on her unfortunate obsession with other people's marriages, only for the piece to be manipulated by his editor and end up adding to Jane's catalogue of woes. But as the pair drift apart and Jane rues her inability to find Mr Right, an irreparable breakdown in her sister's new relationship makes her take a step back and re-evaluate her situation, setting the film up nicely for its feelgood twist at the wholly predictable ending.



Owen tools up as a talentless kids' guardian

DRILLBIT TAYLOR
certificate 12A, running time 1h 42m

WHATEVER your take on Owen Wilson – overrated screwball sidekick happy to live in the shadow of Ben Stiller or understated king of indie comedy with innate charm and an uncanny knack for transcending typecast – there's no question his career has always been somewhat inconsistent. From the moment he quietly turned heads on his big-screen debut in 1994's *Bottle Rocket* (which he co-wrote with Wes Andersen), Wilson, pictured above, has been outstanding in *The Wedding Crashers*, *The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou* and *The Royal Tenenbaums*, but has also starred in some real stinkers – *You, Me And Dupree*, anyone? His latest role, however, pushes even his considerable range of comedic talents to the realms of the frankly implausible – Wilson as a deranged ex-army officer? But he looks vaguely like a girl! Well, as it transpires, he isn't actually anything to do with the military, he's really a washed up bum with a vivid imagination and a knowledge of Mexican judo. When three nerdy friends (a chubby one, a puny one and one who looks like a hobbit) start at a new school, they instantly become the easy targets of psychotic bully Filkins (Alex Frost). Life understandably becomes a living hell for the trio and in a desperate bid to avoid further humiliations, they place an online advert for a personal bodyguard and must choose from a motley bunch of unsavoury applicants. Enter Drillbit Taylor (Wilson), who swiftly vows the geeky triumvirate with bold claims of a dishonourable discharge from the army on the grounds of "unauthorised terrorism" and empty promises of tutelage in a range of non-existent martial arts. Pocketing iPods, watches, cameras and even the family silver on the pretext of them being useful weapons, Drillbit's military integrity is soon called into question by his young employers when he enters into a clandestine relationship with their foxy teacher (Leslie Mann) after convincing her of his academic prowess.

sound check with Ben Wilkinson

ANY doubts as to the vibrancy of Harlow's live bands scene were dismissed over Easter as alternative music staged a resurrection of its own. Two nights of sweaty musical magic at Quattroz, organised in conjunction with Red Griffin Records, resulted in two acts being crowned joint winners of the venue's inaugural Battle of the Bands. First up, on Thursday, maverick Harlow poet/songwriter Gazzy Roxx, pictured, triumphed over jangly indie-smiths Penny Royal and Enfield boys Black Hearts White Lies.



Then on Easter Sunday, funk-rock showmen The Stolen Coda claimed the other share of the title, beating tough competition from Monday Arms, Orgazmatron and Spiral Soul frontman Keiran Mitchell, who performed a well-received solo set. The decision on both nights was put to the crowd, with a panel of judges – including a *Sound Check* representative – there to make the final call. Both winners walked away with £100 and will support The No Nothings at Quattroz's biggest gig yet next Friday.

gig guide

TONIGHT
SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – showcase gig
FRIDAY
SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Lights & Sounds; Jamison; Through Red
QUATTROZ, The Rows, Harlow – Smashed In Sorrento; Broken Mile; Turn Off Your Radio; The Tudors
CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow – Paul David
POPLAR KITTEN, Tawneys Road, Harlow – Fubar
PURPLE EMPEROR, Momples Road, Harlow – Uncle Sam
HARLOW CRICKET CLUB, Chippingfield, Old Harlow – The Hammond Set
SATURDAY
SHARK, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Repertoire Dogs
HORNS & HORSESHOES, Foster Street, Harlow – Monsters
BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Dean Ferris
SUNDAY
SPEAK EASY, High Street, Epping – Trevor Newnham (afternoon); Happenin' Boy (evening)
TUESDAY
LION, Eastwick – Favourite String Band

CD reviews by Ben

SUPERABUNDANCE
Young Knives (album, Transgressive)

After securing a Mercury nomination with debut *Voice Of Animals And Men*, it seems they're going for the title with this superior follow-up. With a startling combination of hooks to drag you in and incredibly inventive arrangements and production of late-Beatles standard to keep you there, you're almost too overwhelmed by the music to notice the lyrics which fluctuate between the refreshingly intelligent and intriguingly cryptic. There are moments when the idiosyncratic weirdness runs away with itself: notably the melodramatic *Turn Tail*, creepy (in a bad way) *I Can Hardly See Them* and pathetically self-indulgent *Flies*. But the good stuff is so good, you won't for one minute care.

BETWEEN THE MINDS
Jack Savoretti (album, De Angelis)

This acoustic offering may seem little more than homage to pre-electric Dylan, but all the ingredients are there for a truly gifted performance. And while the songs are a wee bit drab at times, they are lifted with some excellent guitar picking and Savoretti's chocolate-smooth vocals. The live version of Johnny Cash's *Ring Of Fire* is superb. It's too soporific for greatness, but there is a

also showing

HORTON HEARS A WHO. An existentialist elephant struggles to protect a doomed microscopic community from his neighbours who flatly refuse to believe it even exists in this brilliant adaptation of the classic Dr Seuss children's book.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES. When three siblings move into the spooky, run-down Spiderwick Estate with their mother, they soon find themselves pulled into a magical realm.

10,000 BC. Mammoths build pyramids as neanderthals with waxed chests and immaculately white teeth run riot in this epically silly prehistoric action-adventure from the crowd-pleasing director behind Independence Day.

HANNAH MONTANA 3-D. Eye-popping 3D concert film of last year's Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus world tour.

CODENAME: THE CLEANER. A regular Joe becomes convinced he is a secret agent after being hit over the head by a gang of mysterious assailants.

STEP UP 2: THE STREETS. It's romance on the dance floor as two star-crossed lovers from different backgrounds hook up to overcome prejudice in yet another tired twist on your favourite Shakespeare love story.

MEET THE SPARTANS. The latest tripe to roll off the interminably dull production line of pathetic screwball spoofs, this is little more than a series of fart jokes dressed up in skimpy tunics for sexually repressed frat-boys.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS. In a parallel universe, a precocious young girl must save her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subjects of terrible experiments at the hands of a sinister organization in this adaptation of the Phillip Pullman novel.

preview

SON OF RAMBOW. A comedy about friendship, faith and the tough business of growing up set against the halcyon backdrop of a long, hot English summer, an impressionable youngster is drawn into starring in an affectionate, lo-fi remake of *First Blood*.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Unfolding Massacre so compulsive

DIG! (Tartan Video, 15, retail)
An epic, clash of monstrous egos akin to Godzilla facing off with King Ghidorah, director Ondi Timoner's documentary is a compulsive rock and roll train wreck.
Shot over seven years, it chronicles the great friendship, growing rivalry, petty jealousies, spectacular tantrums and, finally, bitter attrition between Anton Newcombe, *pictured right*, the creative centrepiece of The Brian Jonestown Massacre, and Courtney Taylor, lead singer with The Dandy Warhols.

Back in the early '90s, both bands carved out solid and growing reputations with their hedonistic, retro revival of the sounds of the late '60s and accompanying wild stage shows.
The Brian Jonestown Massacre hewed close to the darker side of the Stones, lyrical acoustic guitars interwoven with mesmerising, trippy bass lines and sitars, all driven by Newcombe's indefatigable belief in his own musical genius as a guru of post-modern psychedelic electric folk, while the Dandys travelled a parallel course straying closer to pop rock.
They hung out together, partied together, played live together and planned the revolution – but then the Dandys signed a deal with a major label and Newcombe began to fester in harmful, heroin-addled jealousy as he clung to his notions of being an outlaw outside the system while watching his mates on ludicrously lavish video shoots and rising towards huge commercial stardom.

Timoner's intimate footage of this process is remarkable, highlighting the monstrous egomania which so often drives and then destroys rock bands even as it showcases some stunning live performances and also reveals the innate Spinal Tap idiocy of the situation.
Taylor is game enough to provide an impartial, warm commentary for the documentary but it's Newcombe who is its most fascinating subject, a volatile, petulant child with one hell of a talent.
To see him self-destruct at his band's industry showcase gig in LA's Viper Room is jaw-dropping – some of the top names in the biz are there to be courted and all is going better than well when Newcombe randomly snatches defeat from the jaws of victory by screaming abuse at fellow band members, getting into a fist fight with one of them and ordering security to go after the audience; pricelessly, the emotionally dazed frontman returns to the mike to tell the startled big wigs: "This next song is about love."
There's even more rock madness in this *Remix Edition* release, featuring 14 previously unseen moments including Anton's song for Charles Manson plus an interview with Timoner.

Star rating: ★★★★★

OTTO PREMINGER: MARGIN FOR ERROR/A ROYAL SCANDAL (BFI, PG, retail)

A frothy double bill of wisecracking, beautifully photographed comedies from producer/director Preminger, each hanging around an attention-grabbing central performance.
In 1943's adaptation of the anti-Nazi play *Margin For Error*, Milton Berle plays amiable, savvy Jewish beat



cop Moe Finkelstein, reluctantly assigned to guard nefarious German consul Karl Baumer (a scenery-chewing study in bald, monocle-wearing villainy by Preminger himself after his leading man quit).
The story concerns Finkelstein's salvation of consular secretary Max, a blindly patriotic type who learns the error of his Third Reich ways when he discovers his Jewish heritage, but the real meat is the director himself as the consul bullies, browbeats and plots his way to his own downfall with a combination icy sarcasm and cold-hearted stratagems.

For its day, 1945's *A Royal Scandal* is racily risqué and buoyed with rapid-fire witticisms thanks to Tallulah Bankhead's sparkling turn as Russian empress Catherine The Great who, tired of cloistered court life, embarks on an ill-concealed affair with an earnest young soldier while around her revolution ferments.
Seductive, petulant and selfishly autocratic, she's a particular charming monster in this breezy comedy, and look out for a scene-stealing cameo from Vincent Price as a French diplomatic complete with a ridiculously fruity accent.

Accompanying this double-disc release is an excellent and informative 14-page booklet of essays and details.

Star rating: ★★★

PRINCESS (Tartan Video, 18, retail)

A relentlessly downbeat yet quite impressive Danish anime, in which August, a priest back from missionary work abroad, takes in the young daughter of his dead-from-drugs porn star sister.
He's looking for some kind of redemption of his own for failing to rescue her from the life in the first place

but, horrified at the abuse his five-year-old niece has already suffered, he goes off on a rampage of violence to destroy those who exploited them.
Director/creator Anders Morgenthaler's film is evidently very heartfelt, to the extent that it's often almost choking on its own rage and melancholy, allowing it to get away with an incredibly blunt and amateurish dissection of the porn industry while passing moral judgement on both it and the millions who make it flourish.
The animation is simple and uncluttered, and effectively inter-cut with real-life home video of the actors providing the voices, as if to remind the viewer that these are sometimes real people too.

Star rating: ★★★

GOOD LUCK CHUCK (Lionsgate, 15, retail & rental)

Charlie (Dane Cook) has a problem – cursed by a goth girl when he was kid, every woman he's with goes on immediately to find the true love of her life.
When word gets around that he's a lucky charm for those seeking Mr Right rather than Mr Right Now, he finds an endless parade of women beating a path to his door – a major handicap when he meets clumsy penguin-loving saucy Cam (Jessica Alba) and decides she's the woman of his dreams.
What follows is essentially Farrelly Brothers-lite as Charlie finds endless excuses to duck the deed with her which he fears will propel her into the arms of another while trying to rid himself of his hex.
It's unsubtle, peddling nudity and scatological humour in place of wit, but it does have a few chuckles.

Star rating: ★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Wilkinson, Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

comforting middle-American edge, unheard in his previous works, which will appeal to fans of Springsteen, Dylan and Neil Young.

LOVE IRE AND SONG
Frank Turner (album, Xtra Mile)

Recorded on a Hampshire farm, this is only once in danger of slipping in rural joke-folk – on Holloways collaboration and current single *Photosynthesis*. That apart, this is hard to fault, exhibiting a catchy, punk-folk songwriting style. Most impressive, though, are the passionate lyrics which provoke, variously, thought, emotion and humour. This man deserves a much wider audience.

GYPSY TRIP
Jaded Sun (album, SiAn)

This is what happens when raised on a strict diet of hair metal, white blues and The Quireboys – an album of technically faultless yet astonishingly mediocre 'classic' hard rock. This unsavoury bunch of rock reprobates may look like the sort of chaps you don't want to meet down your local dog track, but

rest assured it's all posture over punch. After sitting through the limp-wristed Southern rock drawl of *Crazyman*, the Led Zep D-side-by-numbers plod of *Breaking Through* and the pithy mock-Gothic balladry of *Sweetness*, you'll almost certainly want to trout-slap Jon Bon Jovi for making this sort of cod-metal tripe marketable in the first place.

TO BE SOMEONE
The Sonic Hearts (single, EMI)

More insufferably bland indie noodlings from Liverpool's toothless tykes, the opening bars tease with the promise of Pavement-esque slacker rock before the quartet remember they work for EMI and abruptly segue into irritatingly jaunty power pop anonymity.

YOU KNOW ME BETTER
Roisin Murphy (single, EMI)

A sumptuous, synth-tastic electro-pop gem from the former Moloko frontwoman, this occasionally errs on the side of being too busy for its own good but any over-indulgence is soon reined in by Murphy's commanding vocal presence.

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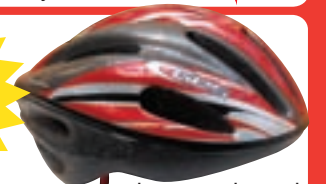
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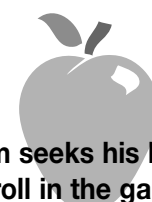
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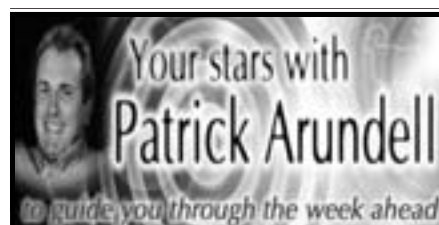
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Taurus Apr 21-May 21

Talk of a group holiday can generate zesty excitement. And yet you may be unsure of some of the people who are being roped in to this. It would be sensible to think whether you feel you would be comfortable away from home with them, but you may decide it is worth a go. At work, see a gossip for what they really are. Blank them if necessary. Call me now for more news and astral insights.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

Avoid taking short cuts in the pursuit of material gain. Similarly, if someone offers you some goods at a knock down price, rightly doubt the provenance of this merchandise. Yet the chance to make progress towards worldly goals is good, but learning a new role or new skills may be required. Don't see this as a turn-off, as much as an opportunity. Call me now Gemini for a detailed forecast.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

You're more tenacious than you're often given credit for. However, there's a difference between being strong-willed and down right stubborn. If you've cause to stand your ground, do, but don't do it for the sake of it. Whether the internet has appealed to you for ages, or recently, an unlikely bond can grow between you and an off-the-wall character. Call me now Cancer for more news and advice.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

Your financial prospects are excellent. And this can be a crucial week for important power meetings and moves. Don't let the niggling role of Mars inhibit your progress. If something didn't work out in the past, try to come to terms with it. It doesn't mean the circumstances will be repeated again. You will have learnt from this experience so do be positive. Call me now Leo for your financial news.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

It's good to have long-term plans but yours can be subject to pressing needs in the here and now. Start thinking in terms of developing contingencies. These could be financial, though not certainly so but the more you anticipate all the possible eventualities, the better you'll do. Unexpected invites can emerge but in love, you can be so very impulsive. Call me now Virgo for your love scope in full.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

An everyday face can become more and more appealing. Before long, this person can seem surprisingly alluring. With Mars at the top of your horoscope this can give you just a little bit more grit - be it around personal or professional hopes, your extra confidence can pay off. Yet don't over-gild the lily. Trying too hard would go against the grain. Call now Libra for more astral insights.

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Mars is giving you a daring edge and with Venus and Uranus loved up, your words can turn heads. But one strict and critical observer can view it differently and frown upon you. They may be more dutifully minded, at least at the present, but you may find it hard not to kick over the traces. Part of this is your own inner frustration at avoiding risks. Call me now for your love scope in full.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

A surprise announcement can put everyone close in a good mood and a celebration can ensue. Your own personal life can also be subject to some unexpected twists and turns, but that impetuous side of you can get you in hot water. If you're tempted to gamble on an investment or business proposition, be sure you can afford to lose what you stake. Call me now Sagittarius for your financial news.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

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Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

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Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

If you've even an ounce of inventiveness, utilise it this week. If you don't, you'll squander a rare opportunity - one that won't be repeated until next January. You can also be mightily attracted to vivacious, attractive people and those full of fun. An infatuation is possible. Enjoy flirting and carousing, but don't rush into a permanent match. Call me now Pisces for more astral insights.

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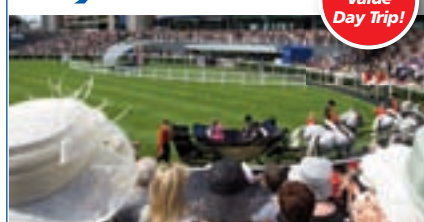


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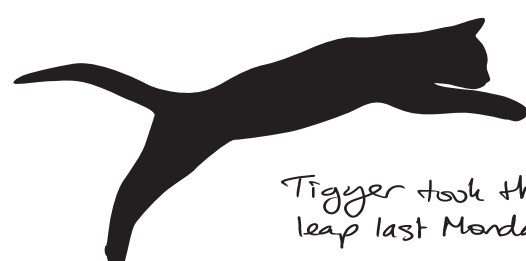
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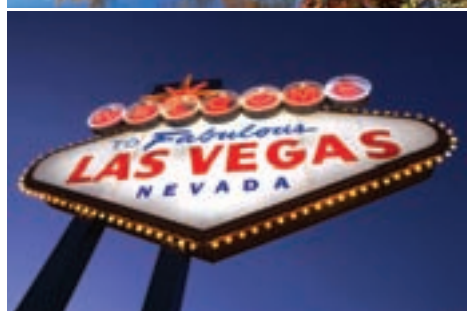
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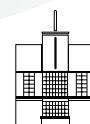
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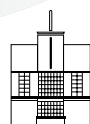
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GARDENS

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THE daffodils may be blooming, but if you want to dazzle your visitors with summer colour, you ought to be thinking about planting summer bulbs throughout spring.

While most spring-flowering bulbs can be planted at any time in the autumn, summer-flowering bulbs need more care. Lilies should be planted in early spring before the bulbs dry out, while dahlias, cannas and begonias are not frost-hardy, so if you want to plant them early, start them off in pots indoors.

While dahlias have sprung back into fashion in recent years, the once-gaudy gladiolus, a favourite of Dame Edna Everage, is also making a comeback in more subtle colours which would suit most tastes.

The delicate-looking Gladiolus callianthus 'Murielae', originally from central Africa, has been crowned the 2008 Summer Bulb of the Year at the annual event hosted by The Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Centre.

Industry experts voted it the 'must have' bulb to plant this spring, for blooming in summer 2008, because of its appearance, versatility and ease of growing. It also has a delicious perfume to be enjoyed on mild late summer evenings.

This upright perennial with fragrant white flowers and distinctive purple markings in the throat, has sword-like grassy leaves about half as tall as the 18-24-inch arching flower spikes.

The flowers look particularly dramatic against a dark, leafy backdrop of summer-flowering evergreens such as cistus or escallonia or the deep plum-leaved Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Purpureum'.

It flourishes when planted 10-16cm deep in fertile, well-drained soil and in full sun. The flowers bloom from August to September. Plant it in an accessible area of the garden, such as beside a pathway, where you can enjoy the fantastic scent.

It can be grown outside over summer, but often there's insufficient time after flowering for the corms to mature for the following year. Consequently, many treat it as an annual and grow it fresh each year in border groups or pots. Gladioli can also be used to fill gaps in borders, especially the late-flowering types, which provide a burst of colour when many others have faded.

All gladioli - and many summer-flowering bulbs in general - like rich, free-draining soil in a sunny, sheltered position. Plant gladioli in clumps of five to seven corms, 10cm (4in) deep and 10cm (4in) apart, during March and April.

If you're growing bulbs in heavy clay soils, lighten them with compost and sand or grit, to ease drainage.

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

- * Prune bush and shrub roses.
- * Reseed bare patches on the lawn, if weather permits.
- * Mulch bare soil in beds and borders.
- * Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.
- * Put stakes and other plant supports in before new growth really needs them.
- * Cut back climbers including honeysuckle, ivy and winter jasmine.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M11 Motorway in Essex to allow for essential carriageway repairs to be carried out in safety.

It is expected that the works would take place over 12 weeks beginning on, or after, Monday 21 April 2008. The Order would come into force on 14 April 2008 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The effect of the Order would be to -

- impose a 50 miles an hour speed limit and a 2.9 metres width restriction on the M11 -
 - northbound and southbound carriageways from a point 1200 metres south of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 8 to a point 1200 metres north of the centre point of Alsa Wood footbridge, and
 - northbound entry slip road at Junction 8;
- close, in turn, the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M11 from a point 900 metres north of the northbound entry slip road at Junction 8 to a point 200 metres south of Alsa Wood footbridge; and
- allow vehicles to run on the hard shoulder adjacent both carriageways of the length of M11 described at (a) above.

The main diversion route for wide loads would be via the M25, A10 and A505. However, due to works underway on the A10, wide load co-ordinators will be given maps for the appropriate diversion route, at different times, during the above works.

Traffic signs would indicate the extent of the speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service vehicles), contraflow, width restriction and hard shoulder running.

MRS J C GLASSON
An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Nick Cook at the Highways Agency, Woodlands Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning him on 01234 796040.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 IN BANKRUPTCY

Bankruptcy Orders have been made in the undermentioned Courts against the following (note: all debts due to the estate should be paid to me):

HERTFORD COUNTY COURT
No. 129 of 2008 RE: **ANDREW ROBERT STRANGE** a Taxi-Driver residing at 210 Altham Grove, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2PW and lately of 325 Northbrooks, Harlow, Essex, CM19 4DW
- on 3 March 2008

No. 138 of 2008 RE: **SHEILA ANNE DAVIES** Unemployed, No Fixed Abode and lately residing at 80 Canons Gate, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QE and 10 Sherards Orchard, Harlow, Essex and 21 Potter Street, Harlow CM17 9AE
- on 12 March 2008

No. 140 of 2008 RE: **ANNA RYDE** Unemployed residing at 17 Gleablands, Harlow, Essex, CN20 2PA

No. 139 of 2008 RE: **NIGEL PAUL RYDE** Unemployed residing at 17 Gleablands, Harlow, Essex, CN20 2PA and lately trading as RYDE ON RACING Halls Green Farm, Epping Farm, Roydon
- on 6 March 2008

No. 146 of 2008 RE: **CAROLINE ANNE GRIMLEY** Unemployed residing at 108 Coalport Close,

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named Company will be held at 47 Butt Road, Colchester, CO3 3BZ on 3rd April 2008 at 10.15 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of DTE Leonard Curtis, Bamfords Trust House, 85-89 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BB between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of creditors. Dated: 14th March 2008
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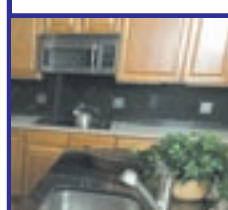
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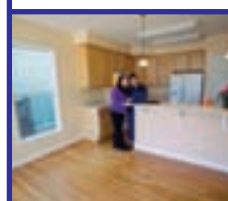
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ATTRACTIVE South African female, 28, likes music, cooking, nights out, seeks male, 28-36. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **251420**

JANE 40, petite, bubbly, likes football, travel, seeks genuine male, 30-50, Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **249057**

50 year old woman looking for man to make her feel young again. Looking for passion, love and trust. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **247318**

ATTRACTIVE honest, fun, single mum, varied interests, seeks decent male, 38-55 for company and relationship. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **231733** ☞

CAROL 47, attractive, slim, GSOH, likes good food/wine, nights in/out, seeks attractive male, 40-50 with similar interests. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **286336**

LIVELY lady 60, slim, 5ft 8ins, likes horse riding, dancing, gardening, travel, seeks tall gent, 55-65 to make her laugh. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **285376**

32YR old single mum, seeks male, 28-34 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **285374**

5FT 9ins female, likes nights in, gardening, pets, seeks male for LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **238728** ☞

WIDOW early 60's, N/S, seeks kind, caring male, 58-68 for friendship, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **284854**

CARING brunette, 35, likes cinema, meals out, travel, seeks honest, kind male, 37-45 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **283750**

SARAH 45, black, professional, curvy, likes countryside, cinema, theatre, travel, seeks sincere, mature male for LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **288410**

SEXY brown skinned female, petite, brown hair/eyes, career minded, seeks male, 30-36. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **288394**

FEMALE 34, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 35-40 for love and romance. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **271646** ☞

ATTRACTIVE petite, 61yr old female, likes pubs, cinema, walks, seeks caring male, 55-65 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **288282**

FUN loving 53yr old female, N/S, young at heart, GSOH, caring, honest, seeks N/S male, 48-58 for LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **287974**

ATTRACTIVE blonde, early 40's, seeks funny, romantic, caring male, 38-48 to make her laugh and her day shine again. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **287388**

MATURE black female, 48, seeks intelligent, mature English gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **282880**

46YR old mum, 5ft 4ins, chatty, attractive, size 12, brown hair/eyes, likes days out, cinema, walks, dancing, seeks caring, honest male, 40-48. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **280652**

ATTRACTIVE female, late 50's, sincere, caring, likes life, countryside, music, days out, nights in, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **279786**

20YR old female, 5ft 6ins, black, attractive, GSOH, sincere, seeks fun, white male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **279460**

PETITE lady, likes horses, walks, animals, nights in, seeks male, 45 plus with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **278176**

FEMALE 39, single mum, GSOH, romantic, likes dancing, nights in/out, seeks male, 35-49 for LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **268610**

ATTRACTIVE 45yr old female, 5ft 5ins, seeks tall male, 45-52 with GSOH for friendship, possible romance. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **263361**

BUBBLY female, seeks tall, smart, fun, caring, honest male looking for long term relationship. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **233454** ☞

FEMALE 50, seeks honest, kind, romantic soul male, 50 plus with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **262325**

MATURE female, 22, loving, caring, genuine, seeks male, 24-31 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **262142**

FEMALE seeks fun loving male for romantic times and nights out. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **261267**

HONEST and reliable, fun to be with, likes to laugh, seeks tall man with hair and teeth. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **235347** ☞

FEMALE 37, 5ft 7ins, medium build, black hair, blue eyes, GSOH, fun loving, seeks male, 37-45 for nights in/out, possible romance. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **272774**

47YR old female, caring, loving, intelligent, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **277358**

CAROLINE like horses, walks, nights in, seeks male, 45 plus with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **270710**

FEMALE 45, 5ft 2ins, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, N/S, likes travel, walks, meals out, seeks male, 42-52 for shared times. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **269672**

SLIM blonde female, likes bowling, cinema, meals out, football, seeks slim, attractive male, 55-62 with GSOH. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **264026**

SYLVIA 52, divorced, 5ft 6ins, medium build, brown hair, seeks similar aged, loving, affectionate, honest, trustworthy guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **259183**

SINGLE mum, 40, GSOH, N/S, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, pubs, seeks caring, genuine male, 40-45 for fun and friendship. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **258686**

SLIM blue eyed blonde, N/S, likes bowling, cinema, meals out, seeks slim, attractive male with GSOH. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **258249**

YOUTHFUL 59yr old female, tall, slim, fit, active, seeks likeminded, caring male to share life with. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **258235**

BRUNETTE 45, tall, slim, likes meals out, walks, nights in, seeks kind, caring male. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **257593**

40YR old curvy female, likes reading, dancing, cycling, seeks 6ft male, 40 plus for fun, fun, fun. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **257396**

MATURE 20yr old single mum, attractive, seeks genuine, attractive male with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **257071**

LOYAL female, 43, likes countryside, meals out, cooking, badminton, pool, pubs, music, seeks similar male, 40-46 for friendship and romance. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **256859**

GENUINE female, 42, seeks similar, genuine, fun male. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **228937** ☞

41YR old African female, Christian, seeks male, 38-47 for LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **256800**

ATTRACTIVE petite female, 50's, 5ft 2ins, dark hair, GSOH, N/S, likes animals, pubs, days out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **256018**

LUCY 27, black, single mum, outgoing, likes socialising, seeks black male, 40-45 for friendship/LTR. Tel No: **0905 670 0211** Box No: **254377**

24YR old female, long dark red hair, blue eyes, likes socialising

John makes golf club history with senior spot



GREEN FINGERS: John Withington's golfing game is going from strength to strength (R3792GWH-04)

STEWARDS School student John Withington has become the youngest Canons Brook Golf Club player to represent its senior men's teams.

The 11-year-old 11-handicapper has been picked for the Lesley Wood Trophy team (for 8+ handicappers) and will help the Harlow club team take on Castle Point in their first round match on April 6.

John qualified for the team after a trial match at the Elizabeth Way club.

He finished all square against current team member Noel Bratt, who plays off a 9 handicap.

He then shot a gross 80 in a second trial match off the whites tees, finishing second in a field of 16 and securing his spot on the team.

Andy Nicol, the Lesley Wood team manager, said: "He showed maturity beyond his years."

The Harlow youngster has continued to work on his game with former Canons Brook junior coach Mark Smith, now the PGA professional at High Beech Golf Course.

John has had regular lessons with Smith for the past

seven years.

He has been training with the Essex under 12 team since 2006 and now trains with the U-13 and U-14 team after successful trials back in December.

John finished tied 9th in the Essex U-14s Championship at Maylands Golf Club, with a gross score 83 (12 over par).

The youngster also won two youth shield matches (for U-18s) at Canons Brook.

He will also be entering the English U-14s Championship (The Reid Trophy) in August at Coxmoor Golf Club (Mansfield, Notts).

And John now has brother Simon (20) in his sights.

Simon gave up playing golf for six years from the age of 8. Now playing off a 2 handicap, he finished second in the Canons Brook GC Championship in 2007 with rounds of 78 and 74 (6 over par) and previously won the junior club championship with rounds of 73 and 71 (2 under par).

Simon, last year's Players' Player of the Year, will represent Canons Brook's Thornton Cup team.

Tennis contest is all relative

FATHER and daughter pairing Jeff and Abigail Armstrong triumphed in a charity tournament at Harlow Lawn Tennis Club. Fifteen mixed doubles pairs competed in the event at the Latton Bush club.

The Armstrongs defeated Tim and Sarah Miller in a close final.

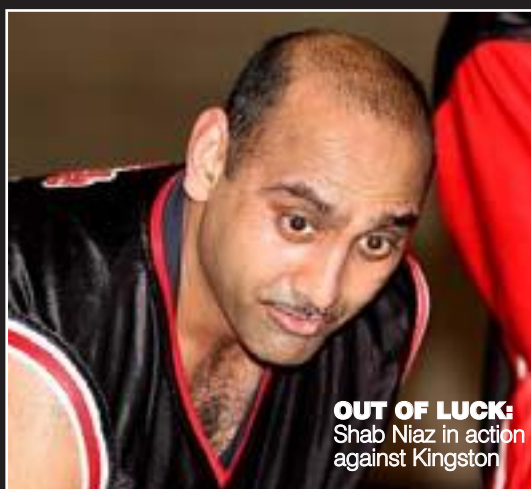
More than 30 local businesses donated raffle prizes for the competition which raised £500 for the St Margaret's Hospital Breast Care Unit.

A club spokesman said: "Their support helped to make for a very successful afternoon, especially as the bad weather that was forecast failed to materialise."



NET CALL: Sarah Miller and Matthew Butler in action at the tennis tournament
Photo: Tim Jones (C4LYG4WG_01)

Cup semi loss for Harlow



OUT OF LUCK: Shab Niaz in action against Kingston

VICTORY tasted bitter sweet for the Harlow Hawks as the holders went out of the Founders Cup on aggregate.

In front of their biggest crowd of the season at the Sportcentre on Saturday – just under 100 people – Harlow came desperately close to reaching a third consecutive Founders Cup final.

But the hosts failed to capitalise on a four-point lead in the final minute and went out on aggregate 155–160.

After a disappointing start, Dan Scott's lay-up followed by a three-pointer from Shab Niaz put some points on the board.

Hawks then went on a 9-0 run which erased the Wildcats lead from the first leg. The main contributors were Scott, Mark Overland and Mike Freeman.

But Wildcats responded with a 12-4 run that gave them a 21-19 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The arrival of Darren Francis had an immediate impact as he made a strong move inside for a score.

Good ball movement then allowed the hosts to recapture the lead.

However, all the good work

Harlow Hawks 80, Kingston Wildcats 79

Kingston won by five points on agg (National Founders Basketball Cup, semi-final second leg)

was undone in the next three minutes as Kingston went on a 15-0 run that gave them a very healthy lead.

An Ilker Ramadan lay-up off a long pass broke this run. Paul Jessop's three-pointer followed by a Freeman short jump shot got Hawks back in the game.

Free-throws and a buzzer-beating score gave the visitors a 44-35 half-time lead.

Wildcats extended their lead in the third quarter, before a strong drive from Overland resulted in a score.

A successful free-throw followed by a Jessop three-pointer and Francis tip-back helped to reduce the arrears further.

At the midway point the Hawks were still nine points down but a number of three-pointers by Shab Niaz, Freeman and Jessop either side of Dan Scott inside lay-ups, resulted in Harlow closing the third quarter just two points adrift (63-61).

Overland's three-pointer at the start of the fourth quarter gave Hawks the lead.

The teams then traded baskets with Hawks' scores coming from the free-throw line.

Harlow then went through another dry spell and allowed Wildcats too many easy drives to the basket which resulted either in a score or fouls. These free-throws were converted as the South London side regained the lead.

Back-to-back three-pointers from Jessop and Shab Niaz opened up a four-point lead – and sent the volume level of the crowd through the roof.

Following a time-out and with about a minute left, Hawks had possession and managed to get the ball inside to Francis on a mis-match close to the basket.

However, his attempt agonisingly rolled around the ring and fell out for Wildcats to secure the rebound.

Wildcats then converted three free-throws to dump the holders out of the competition despite the Harlow outfit winning the game 80-79.

Hawks must now focus on the Herts League division one title decider against Luton Fliers tomorrow at the Sportcentre.

HARLOW HAWKS: Scott (19 pts), Overland (16), Jessop (16), S. Niaz (14), Freeman (9), Francis (4), Ramadan (2), Z. Niaz, Wright.

Gamble can bet on more success after top debut

KICKBOXER Ricky Gamble secured a unanimous win on his K1 debut fight against the experienced Leeds-based Gavin Ungi.

The 24-year-old from Harlow, who was representing the North Weald Kaisho Kickboxing Club, faced his considerably heavier opponent at the Circus Tavern in Purfleet, Essex.

However, the Essex boxer proved the better fighter over three two-minute rounds of full-contact fighting.

His superior speed and accuracy resulted in Ungi being knocked down in the first round after a flurry of well-placed blows to the head.

The Yorkshire fighter came back strongly in the second round but Gamble shone with unbeatable combinations of knees and kicks



VICTORY: Ricky Gamble (s) in the last round to secure a unanimous win.

Gamble has trained at the North Weald club for four years under the instruction of club owner Sensei Henry Woolhead.

Club spokesman Rob Carman said: "This was an outstanding result for Ricky's first fight which showed his hard work and dedication to the sport."

Record-breaker Polly's leaping to victory

POLLY Woods came first and massively improved her own personal best time – and Harlow Athletic Club's U-17 girls triple jump record – at the Herts Phoenix Open in Welwyn.

Woods leapt 10.50m, improving her own and the club's record by 0.79m.

The season's opener on Good Friday also saw Jordan Westcott come second in the U-13 boys 75m hurdles in 15.7s.

Ruth Bastow gained two second spots. Her first silver came in the 200m where she clocked a personal best (PB) time of 29.8s, before a long jump of 3.99m at Chelmsford on Saturday.

There were plenty of other good Harlow performances in the U-13 girls category.

Club debutant Lauren Foster was third in the 100m. She won her heat with a PB of 14.6s.

She was also fifth in the 200m (33.7s).

Marleen Avontuur came third in the 800m (2mins 54secs) and set a PB in the 100m (15.8s).

In a highly competitive 1,500m Isobel Moss earned a PB of 7 mins 1 sec to add to her PB of 35.4s in the 200m.

Laura Wilson and Joshua Steel both collected PBs; Joshua in the 100m (14.1s) and shot put (6.81m) and Laura in the 100m (15.6s) and 200m (33.7s).

Paige Harmsworth came second in the shot put (3.23m) and clocked a PB of 17.6s in the 100m.

In the U-17s girls, Gemma Ingram completed the 100m in 15.5s.

The Chelmsford Open also provided opportunities to Harlow's U-11 athletes. Kiera Davis and Hayley Wright both ran in the 80m, recording times of 13.7s and 12.9s respectively and Eleanor Moss completed the 80m in 14.5s and leapt 1.44m in the long jump.

Other results: Welwyn Open – U-13 boys, Jordan Westcott (100m, 15.4s); (200m, 30.4s); Harry Westcott (100m, 16.1s); (200m, 33.6s).

U-13 girls, M. Tamplin (100m, 18.00s).

Chelmsford Open – U-13 girls, Ruth Bastow (100m, 14.7s); Lauren Foster (long jump, 3.41m); Marleen Avontuur (long jump, 3.28m); Paige Harmsworth (long jump, 2.33m, PB).

Quintet scoop four golds despite weather

FOUR Harlow-based athletes managed to come away with four golds and one silver from an athletics meeting despite abysmal conditions including sleet and gale force winds.

Mark Hunt won the junior men's 100m in 10.7 secs which was a huge improvement on his previous best of 11.3 secs.

The teenager was faster than all the seniors taking part in the UK grade 1 event.

Mark also won the 200m in 22.0 secs, again a half a second improvement on his previous best, by defeating all senior and junior rivals. This was again a UK grade 1 event.

Sophie Fuhr had to contend with driving sleet in the early part of her Under 15 girls 1,500m race but was a convincing winner by 50m in 5mins 33 secs.

Jessica Docking also struck gold in the junior women's 1,500m in 5mins 29 secs.

Although many field events were cancelled due to the weather, Tom Richards earned a silver medal in the U-17 men's javelin with a PB of 39.82m.

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Fixtures

SATURDAY MARCH 29

Football

Ryman League, prem div: Margate v Harlow Tn.
LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, prem div: Epping v Shell Club Corringham.

Snr div one: Herongate Ath v Roydon, Old Chelmsfordians v Potter Street.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, Div One Cup final: Hatfield Heath res v Sheering res.

Inter-division Plate, semi-final: North Weald res v Potter Street A.

Prem div: Alemitte Ath v North Weald, Loughton v Pelly House, Quendon Ath v Sheering, White Roding v Birchanger.

Div one: Albury v Salvation Army, Avondale Rangers v Frontiers, Lower Street v Dunmow Rhodes, Thaxted Rangers res v Thorley Park.

Rugby

London & SE, div three north east: Harlow v Ipswich.

Essex League, div one: Upper Clapton v Bancroft.

Hockey

East Men's League, div four south east: Witham II v Harlow.

SUNDAY MARCH 30

Football

Harlow & District League, prem div: Great Parndon CA v Marquis Sports, Rouge Lyon v Parndon Royals.

Div one: Unique v Pollard, Old Townmead v Lindsey Street, Ridsen Wood res v Great Parndon CA res, Maypole Ath res v Altham Grove.

Div two: Galaxy v Pools Ath.
Div three: Latton Orient v Maiden UG Utd v Ridsen Wd A.

Div four: Harberts A v FC Flare, Sewardstone Rovers v FC Clark, Broadley Common v Dynamo.

Div five: Rouge Lyon A v Matching Utd res, Altham Grove res v Archers Dart.

Div Two Cup final: Rouge Lyon res v FC Parkside (at Harlow Tn FC).

League Plate, semi-finals: Archers Dart v FC Flare, Sewardstone Rovers v Altham Groves res.

Robins edge 5-goal thriller

ASHLEY Conlan grabbed a brace as the Robins won 3-2 at Beaumont Athletic in the Essex Senior League on Saturday.

Conlan fired home from six yards on 34 minutes.

He made it 2-0 on 43 minutes with a tap-in, but Beaumont pulled a goal back on 53 minutes through Justin Zakeria.

Sawbridgeworth went 3-1 up on 75 minutes when Ben Doyle drilled home.

Six minutes before the end Dobir Miah reduced the Robins' lead with a shot following a melee but Sawbridgeworth held on.

The Robins' scheduled match against Enfield 1893 was postponed due to a water-logged pitch on Easter Monday. The match has been rearranged for Tuesday April 1.

Pool results

HARLOW & District Pool League: Trophy Hunters 11, Behind Bars 1; Scorpions 7, The Sharks 5; Fairways 8s 8, PAH 4.

Div two: Behind Bars II 0, Humphrey & Stretton 7; UG Club 0, Herald 7; Harlow Community Club 5, Indestructibles 7; Hockey Club 7, Mercenaries 0.

TV crew puts girls football into focus



IN FOCUS: Langley Colts footballers Shannon Barden (9), left, and Megan Jenkins (9) are filmed by Sky Sports
 Photo: Kevin Lines (RTS2DHMX-01)

More sport on 53

GIRL footballers are due to appear on Sky Sports News next month after cameras turned up at a training session held at Harlow's Mark Hall School on Saturday.

Four girls were interviewed by the crew at the First Avenue school.

The youngsters played matches and trained as part of an initiative called

the Girls Football Project.

The report will be broadcast on Monday April 7.

Essex FA women's and girls football officer Sharon Brownlie said: "They did well and better than I expected. The questions were mostly about how they got into football."

"It was great to have the cameras down here."

She added: "We can have up to 25 youngsters [from Harlow] practising but had 15 on Saturday. It was very cold."

"Ninety per cent of the girls are linked with Langley Colts Football Club and the aim is to get them in a league from September."

This initiative is funded through the Harlow Youth

Action Group (HYAGFA) and is supported by Harlow Council's Sports Development Programme.

A council spokeswoman said: "The girls football project has been fantastic. The programme has helped start up three new girls teams and we are very optimistic that girls football will continue to flourish."

Keeper error costs Hawks

IT did not prove to be a Good Friday for goalkeeper James Hasell as his error cost the Hawks dearly when they slipped to a narrow defeat against fellow strugglers Folkestone in a crucial six-pointer.

The Kent side scored the sole goal in the ninth minute of Friday's match.

James Everitt's wind-assisted ball across the visitors' box was going towards Leigh Bremner, and Hasell was left in two minds whether to kick or gather the ball.

But his attempted kick rebounded off Bremner and into the net.

The wind was so strong that Hasell's

Folkestone Invicta 1, Harlow Tn 0
 (Ryman League, premier division)

kicks continually came back towards his goal.

Harlow had two escapes around the half-hour mark.

Samuel Kola Okikiolu missed a free header, before Tom Webb's right-footed free-kick forced Hasell to push the ball over the bar.

Hawks defender Mark Taylor was cautioned for a foul on ex-Bishop's Stortford striker Lloyd Blackman as the Essex side's frustrations grew.

Harlow finally came alive near the end of the first half. Leon Lalite set up Rhys Henry but his left-footed shot flew

just over the bar, before the on-loan striker teed up James Bunn but he fired too high as well.

James Everitt was booked for chopping down Beckett Hollenbach 13 minutes into a frustrating and bland second half in which Harlow failed to make the wind advantage count.

On 75 minutes, James Lindie replaced Taylor as Harlow reverted to playing three up front.

Davis was booked for dissent on 77 minutes, while Blackman also went into the book for unsporting behaviour three minutes later.

The defeat and performance is a huge blow but Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby remains upbeat and believes the arrival of Henry can help turn the tide.

His presence could be vital in the remaining games, especially as Harlow are likely to be without the services of Leyton Orient's Rapheal Sylvester, whose hamstring injury looks to have curtailed his season.

Kirby said: "Henry has been a massive addition at a good time for us. He is the sort of player I have wanted all season. He compliments James Bunn very well."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis (Akers 86), Taylor (Lindie 73), Hollenbach, Kirby, Chapman, Lalite, Green, Bunn, Fowler, Henry. Subs not used: S. Gliddon, Obaze, Dumoulin (gk).

Att: 278.

● FOR a full report on Harlow Town reserves' 1-0 defeat at home to Ware reserves in the Capital League Eastern Division, go to www.harlowstar.co.uk

Bunn's Easter treat



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Harlow suffered a blow in injury-time when Leon Lalite received a second yellow card and was sent off after a fracas with Billericay winger Bradley Wood-Garness.

Lalite will now miss the away match at Horsham on April 5.

Wood-Garness was also booked.

Kirby fumed: "It's annoying. He [Wood-Garness] had Leon in a headlock. It did not look like he could do anything about it. It was harsh. It looked worse than what it was."

Harlow started well and took the lead on 11 minutes. Lalite's cross from the right found the unmarked James Bunn and the skipper nodded into the bottom left corner. But Harlow were unable to build on this and the visitors equalised on 25 minutes in controversial circumstances. Michael Black's free-kick from the right touchline should not have been allowed as the ball was moving before he took the set-piece and pumped it into the Harlow box.

Billy Bricknell then pulled the ball back from the byline to Sierra Leone-born Tommy Tejan-Sie and he slotted home unmarked from seven yards.

Harlow regained the lead five minutes into the second half. Lalite's neat ball through the middle was clinically tucked into the bottom left corner from eight yards out by young striker Rhys Henry.

The game turned on two incidents within the space of 60 seconds. On 56 minutes Kenny Davis scrambled the ball home after Danny Green's shot was palmed away by Billericay keeper Ronnie Worster to Henry, who was deemed offside when he had scooped the ball back into the danger zone.

"I felt that was harsh. The boys worked the ball really well. It was an excellent move. That was a key moment in the game," blasted Kirby.

The visitors broke straight after this and when Beckett Hollenbach's pass to Kirby was cut out by Wood-Garness, the pacey winger powered through the Hawks defence before unleashing a shot from the edge of the six-yard box which keeper James Hasell got a hand to but could not prevent from going into the bottom right corner.

"We had to get rid of it and we got punished," said Kirby.

Harlow weathered a Billericay storm before Henry had two chances around the 80-minute mark, which were both blocked from virtually on the line by Billericay defenders.

At the other end a fantastic saving tackle from Hawks substitute Clark Akers prevented Bricknell from snatching a winner on 84 minutes.

Wood-Garness was clean through a few minutes from time, but brave goalkeeping from Hasell ensured he was pushed wide and could only find the side netting with his final shot.

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis, Taylor (S. Gliddon 84), Hollenbach (Akers 78), Kirby, Chapman, Lalite, Henry, Bunn, Fowler (Lindie 74), Green. Subs not used: Obaze, Dumoulin (gk). Att: 465.

Sheering into final

ONLY one of the scheduled 10 matches escaped the ravages of the bad weather in the Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League on Easter Saturday.

This saw Sheering reserves book a spot in the Inter-divisional Plate Final when they beat Loughton 3-1 at home in the last four. Sheering have already reached two cup finals this season.

Dave Hardy (2) and Daniel Brett were on target for the hosts, while Jim Rogers replied.

Run around!

KINGSMOOR Primary School won a cross country race at

Burnt Mill School in Harlow. More than 600

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It's squeaky bum time

HAWKS player-boss Ryan Kirby admits it's 'squeaky bum time' as his side face five massive games in their battle to beat the drop, writes ALAN SCOTT.

Kirby quoted Sir Alex Ferguson after Harlow Town's 2-2 draw with Billericay left his side in 14th, two points outside the drop zone with four teams relegated from the Ryman League premier division.

"It's squeaky bum time – that's a fair comment. We will do the best we can to stay in this division," said Kirby.

But his side face a daunting last few games when they play three of the top six in Staines (home on April 12), and Horsham and AFC Wimbledon (both away on April 5 and 19 respectively) before a final day 'six pointer'

against fellow strugglers East Thurrock United at Barrows Farm on April 26.

"We are in a dogfight but we will not get sucked into playing a long ball game. It does not suit us.

"Togetherness is important for this run-in. It could be the extra factor we need."

Next up for Harlow is a trip to Margate on Saturday to play a side managed by Kirby's former Stevenage Borough central defensive colleague Robin Trott. The Kent side were rather fortunate to grab a point at Barrows Farm in the corresponding fixture on December 8.

Kirby added: "We have nothing to fear. It will be the fourth game in 10 days. It's hard for the lads, but they have a good attitude."

Cunningham quits Hawks

By DAVID RIMMER
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TOM Cunningham has cited work reasons for his decision to quit as Harlow Town's Director of Football.

It brings his 56-month association with the Hawks to an end. He joined the club in July 2003.

Cunningham was in charge of the first team as well as being instrumental in giving the club a structure for youngsters to progress.

His role then changed in November 2006 whereby he became responsible for recruiting new players.

His particular strength was his links with professional clubs which has enabled him to bring in youngsters such as Raphael Sylvester (from Leyton Orient), plus James Lindie and Rhys Henry (from Southend United).



MOVING ON: Tom Cunningham has quit as Hawks Director of Football

Player-boss Ryan Kirby will take over Cunningham's duties.

Cunningham, who runs a sports management company, said: "It has not been an easy decision – it has been coming for some time.

"The sports management company is expanding

and I owe it to the people I work for to make sure that I work for them in the right way."

He added: "Ryan can speak to me if he wants. I have spoken to Ryan, Jeff Bothwell and Simon Morgan. I could not commit the time."

Looking back over his time at

Harlow and the future of the club he said: "Going to the new ground and getting promoted last season was great.

"We have players who want to be at Harlow and I would like to thank the players, fans and people at the club for their support. People said we would struggle but apart from AFC Wimbledon we have not been thoroughly beaten by any team."

He added: "Replacing [Marc] Salmon and Sammy Winston was not easy. Players like that come at a price. We have gone about it in a different way and the young lads the club have got are good enough to score the goals to keep the club in the league."

Simon Morgan, the Hawks vice-chairman, said: "Obviously I'm very disappointed that Tommy has come to this decision but he believes that this is the right thing to do at this time.

"Tommy's help and support has been invaluable to the club, and we wish him every success in the future."

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HOT BUNN: James Bunn, with hand aloft, celebrates the opener against Billericay (Photo: MLVS7K9Q_02)

Bunn's Easter treat

Harlow Tn 2, Billericay Tn 2
(Ryman League, premier division)

JAMES Bunn's fifth goal in nine games secured a point for the Hawks against play-off chasing Billericay at Barrows Farm on Monday.

But Harlow Town player-boss Ryan Kirby was more concerned at the way his side twice threw away a lead in a match they desperately needed to win, with his side just two points off the relegation places.

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